

**COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Date: May 1, 2009

To: Karen Cook, Chair  
XLI Senate of the Academic Council

From: Ian Hodder, Chair, Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors

Re: Recommendation to Renew the Honors Program in Ethics in Society

The Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors reviewed the self-study of the Honors Program in Ethics in Society on May 1, 2009. The documentation came to C-RUM with a strong endorsement for renewal from the Deans' Office of the School of Humanities and Sciences after the H&S Curriculum Committee had reviewed the Program's self-study and met with its director, Professor Robert Reich, Associate Professor of Political Science, on March 9, 2009.

Senior Associate Dean of H&S Susan Stephens brought the H&S report to C-RUM and spoke favorably of the current director's efforts in rebuilding the Honors Program after it had lagged for a few years. Changes include the discontinuation of one course (EthicSoc 77) which had not served the program well as a core requirement, and the addition of two new faculty members, Joshua Cohen (Law, Philosophy, and Political Science) and Josiah Ober (Classics and Political Science).

The program now graduates about six students annually and is served by a strong and excellent group of faculty who are committed to the continuance of this Honors Program. C-RUM agreed with the request that H&S had made of the Program for a short interim report to be submitted in Spring 2011, and will see that report as well. With that proviso, C-RUM voted unanimously to recommend a five-year renewal for the Honors Program of Ethics in Society.

**The Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors therefore recommends the renewal of the Honors Program in Ethics in Society, with nominating authority for Honors to its graduating seniors, for a five-year period, from September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2016.**

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