



DEAN'S RESPONSE TO PROGRAM REVIEW
BS and MS Economics
College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

The purpose of the Dean's Response is to highlight the strengths and opportunities within the program, aiding the prioritization of the program's action plan. It allows the dean to offer support to the program, identify common interests across programs within the college and Cal Poly Pomona, and connect relevant resources on- and off-campus. Encapsulating these efforts helps align priorities for continuous improvement, and attempts to meet identified resource needs.

Date(s) of External Review: September 16, 2024 (virtual) and September 23, 2024 (in-person)

External Reviewers: Bevin Ashenmiller (Occidental College), Ed Balsdon (SDSU), and Bree Lang (UC Santa Barbara)

Date of Internal Review: April 23, 2024

Internal Reviewers: Sara Langford (CLASS); Amalia Lombart (CLASS); and Amy Gimino (CEIS)

Meeting date with department chair(s): <Enter date>

Key Strengths of the Program. *Provide a list of the top (5 or less) program strengths. Further details are only necessary if they are absent from the self-study, external review report, internal review report, or department response.*

- **Strong student-centered approach**, characterized by high satisfaction, personalized support, and a commitment to post-graduation success.
- **Innovative and career-focused curriculum**, integrating new technologies and techniques to prepare students for meaningful employment.
- **Cohesive, dedicated department**, with strong staff support, collaborative faculty, and alignment with CPP's Inclusive Polytechnic Identity.

Priorities for Action. *Provide a prioritized list of the top (5 or less) areas of improvement for the program. Further details are only necessary if they are absent from the self-study, external review report, internal review report, or department response.*

- **Revise graduate program:** Reduce required units, expand research opportunities, and shorten completion time to 1.5 years for qualified students.
- **Integrate modern technologies:** Embed tools like AI, R, and Python into existing courses and create new tech-focused offerings.

- **Foster interdisciplinary collaboration:** Explore curriculum and research partnerships across the College and University.

Additional Comments *(optional)*:

Dean's Name: Camille. Johnson, Ph.D.

Dean's Signature: _____

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