

Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee

Approved Minutes

Monday, November 4th, 2024

3:00PM – 4:30PM

CarmenZoom

Attendees: Dwyer, Hilty, McKean, Nathanson, Raadschelders, Steele, Valle, Vankeerbergen

- 1) Approval of 09/23/2024 Minutes
 - Raadschelders, Dwyer, **unanimously approved**
- 2) Combined Program – BA Speech and Hearing Science & Doctor of Audiology (BA/AuD)
 - The Subcommittee noted that there were several minor errors within the proposal and the provided 7-year sample plan. They ask that the following errors be addressed prior to the proposal moving forward to the full Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:
 - On page 3 of the proposal, underneath the current BA curriculum section, the statement following the “Total General Credits: 22-39” there is a section that states that the total GE credits “reflects possible use of up to 14 credits to both program requirements and GE requirements”. The Subcommittee assumes the crossing of the following: Math 1148, Biology 1101, HDFS 2400 or SPHHRNG 3350, and SPHHRNG 4530, and so they ask that the proposal specify and/or verify which courses the unit expects students to overlap.
 - On page 3 of the proposal, ASC Survey (ASC 1100.xx) is not listed as a requirement outside of Speech and Hearing Science. This course should be included, as it is not part of the General Education program.
 - In the sample 7-year plan, during the first semester of year 1, Math 1148 should be listed as fulfilling a student’s GEN Foundation: Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (or Data Analysis), and GE Data Analysis should be removed from year 1, second semester, Statistics 1350 or 1450. In the new General Education program, students are only required to take one Mathematical and

Quantitative Reasoning OR Data Analysis course, and Math 1148 (or higher) is included within the GEN Foundation category.

- In the sample 7-year plan, year 2, first semester, the courses recommended are HDFS 2400, SPHHRNG 3350, or PSYCH 3340, as well as a GEN Foundation: Social and Behavioral Sciences. However, HDFS 2400 and SPHHRNG 3350 are approved as GEN Foundation: Social and Behavioral Sciences courses. Therefore, if a student elects to take either HDFS 2400 or SPHHRNG 3350, they will have fulfilled this requirement but only be reaching 118 credit hours in their major. Therefore, the GEN Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement should likely read “GEN Social and Behavioral Sciences or Open Elective” to ensure students are receiving the necessary 121 hours required to receive a BA degree.
- The Subcommittee offers the friendly recommendation (but is not requiring at this time) to include a program advising sheet within the proposal. The advising sheet may be necessary at subsequent levels of approval, but is not required by Arts and Sciences.
- Raadschelders, Dwyer, **unanimously approved**

3) Geography 5701 (new course)

- *The Subcommittee notes that students will be responsible for food costs outside of continental breakfast, if available, at the hotels they will be staying at for their accommodations. They recommend providing a brief note in the syllabus to inform students that one of the course costs will include their meals during the field experience.*
- *The Subcommittee recommends providing the recommend page length expectations for the weather journal assignment (as discussed on page 7 of the syllabus) for students to better understand their workload expectations during this experience.*
- *The Subcommittee recommends changing the phrase “Graduate Assistant Director” to the official university language for graduate student instructors, “Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs)” on page 1 of the syllabus. The reviewing faculty are unclear (but assume) whether this co-instructor is a graduate student within the program or an assistant director that works with graduate students.*
- *The Subcommittee recommends changing the phrase “Community Standards and Student Responsibilities” when referencing the policy students may be referred to if they violate course policies (as found on page 9 of the syllabus). This should instead read “Student Conduct” as that is the*

office that will be responsible for investigating these circumstances should they arise and the official language utilized at Ohio State.

- *The Subcommittee recommends updating the Diversity statement (as found on page 14 of the syllabus). This statement was updated for the 2024-2025 academic year and can be found on the [ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#).*
- Dwyer, McKean, **unanimously approved** with *five recommendations* (in italics above)