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Dear Members of ASCC,

I write to you with an informational item regarding Honors-quality coursework. On Monday, November 10th, the Petitions Subcommittee of the ASC Honors Committee approved 3000-level Philosophy courses to be counted as Honors-quality courses because of the way the department numbers their courses. This was similar to an exception that was made during semester conversion for all 3000-level History courses. Philosophy reserves 4000-level course numbers for independent research (4998, 4998H, 4999, 4999H) and one undergraduate seminar (4900). With only two exceptions, all of their 3000-level courses have prerequisites of 3 or 6 credit hours of philosophy. Because these 3000-level courses serve majors and have prerequisites, they are uniformly and consistently taught in a rigorous and challenging way. They expect students who have satisfied the prerequisite for a 3000-level Philosophy course to be prepared to engage in reasoned discussion about challenging philosophical topics. 3000-level courses developed in the future must share the same prerequisite of at least 3 credit hours in Philosophy or be submitted to the ASC Honors committee for approval as Honors-quality.

For reference, 4000+ courses are considered Honors-quality from every department as well as other individual courses that have been approved as exceptions by the Honors committee (and 3000+ level courses from History).

Thank you,

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