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Becky,

On Monday, February 20, the ASCC Natural and Mathematical Sciences Panel reviewed Geography 2960 for Physical Science GE addition. The Panel did not take a vote on the course but would like the following points to be addressed first:

- Since committee is charged with BA/BS-BA differentiation, the Panel needs additional information about the labs. Without knowing details about the labs, it is difficult to gauge if the course is should count for BA students only or both BA and BS students.
- Clarify number of lab assignments: (1) the Evaluations section of the syllabus: mentions 10 lab assignments at 4% each; (2) the Schedule section of the syllabus: lists 11 labs (plus 2 field trips and 1 review for final exam); (3) the GE rationale, under point 4: mentions 10 labs but 9 assignments.
- Schedule: Class meets twice a week. Are these 1hr 20 min meetings? NMS Panel would also need to know the duration of the labs.
- Attendance policy: How does a student make up a lab/field trip?
- Extra credit policy should only be available to all students. The current phrasing leads one to believe that might not be the case: "Under exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the instructor, extra credit opportunities are available."
- In proposal, replace references to "GEC" with "GE."
- GE rationale, 2<sup>nd</sup> page, under point 3, replace "Geography 220" with semester course number.

I will return the course via curriculum.osu.edu in a minute. When you upload revised versions of the documents, could you please make sure the older versions are removed?

Should you have any questions about this feedback, don't hesitate to contact Professor Ralph von Frese, Chair of ASCC NMS Panel (cc'd on this e-mail).

Best wishes,  
Bernadette

P.S.: I noticed that there is also an Honors version of the course. It too will need to be submitted to request GE status.

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