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Elizabeth,

On Friday, September 20, the ASC NMS Panel reviewed a request to add GE Natural Science—Biological Science to Anthropology 3211. The Panel did not take a vote on the proposal but would like the following points to be addressed first:

- The biological content of the course is not evident. Eight lectures are related to biology and everything else is not related to biological science. (One could make a case that the course covers as much physical science as biological science.)
- Expected learning outcome #2 of GE Natural Science—Biological Science is not at all addressed, namely: “Students understand key events in the development of science and recognize that science is an evolving body of knowledge.”
- Explain how all four expected learning outcomes for GE Natural Science—Biological Science are addressed in the lectures. Provide appropriate details from the lectures.
- The GE assessment plan submitted is not about the GE. It should very specifically target the four expected learning outcomes for GE Natural Science—Biological Science. Direct and/or indirect assessment measures should specifically link to those outcomes. See instructions in ASC Curriculum and Assessment Manual (pp. 42-43):
https://ascas.osu.edu/sites/ascas.osu.edu/files/ASC_CurrAssess_Operations_Manual.pdf .
- Request to ask for letter of support from the Center for Life Sciences Education.

I will return the course in a minute via curriculum.osu.edu to enable the department to make the necessary changes.

Should your department have any questions about this feedback, please do not hesitate to contact Harald Vaessin, Chair of the ASCC NMS Panel (cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
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