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Julie,

Yesterday, the ASC Graduate Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course request for Linguistics 5050.

The committee did not take a vote on the proposal but would like the following points to be addressed first:

- *Questions/issues related to variable credit status of course:*
  - *What is the rationale for the different number of credits? Why does course need to be offered with two variations?*
  - *How will students know how many credits to register for?*
  - *What if a student registers for 2 credit hours?*
  - *What if a student takes course for 1 credit and then realizes that he/she wants to take it for 3, when the course is not repeatable?*
  - *If there is a good reason to offer a 1-credit version and a 3-credit version, might it make more sense to (a) decimalize the course (e.g. 1-credit version is 5050.01 and 3-credit version is 5050.02) or (b) perhaps have students take it for 3 credits and those students who do not wish to do all the assignments audit the course?*
- *Course includes a brisk introduction to programming. Recommendation to add a prerequisite. Some background in Python or comparable programming language might be helpful.*

I will send back the course proposal via curriculum.osu.edu in a minute to allow the Department to address the points above.

Should you have any questions about this feedback, please feel free to contact Steven Fink (Chair of the ASC Graduate Curriculum Committee), or me.

My best,  
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