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Subject: Political Science 4123
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Dear Jennifer and Charles,

On September 12, the Arts and Humanities Panel reviewed a request to add GE Historical Study to Political Science 4123. The course was approved with one contingency and two recommendations:

Contingency: GE Historical Study expected learning outcome #3: Where are the primary historical sources in the course? In this course, students should speak and write critically about primary historical sources, but the syllabus does not identify those primary sources.

Recommendations:

- P. 4 of syllabus: "I reserve the right to decrease the existing grade...". Advise that Department look into this. Panel is not at all sure that this statement agrees with University policies.
- Assessment plan: Sample questions do not always clearly fit with the GE expected learning outcomes (ELOs). At times, the assessment plan seems to address the content of the course rather than the learning outcomes for GE Historical Study. Department might try to articulate the link between the GE Historical Study ELOs and the sample questions more clearly.

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

Should you have any questions about this feedback, please do not hesitate to contact Janice Aski (Chair of the A&H Panel; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

My best,
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