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Subject: History 2797.02 and 3798.03
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Dear Paula and Ashley,

On October 24, the Arts and Humanities Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed requests for two new courses: History 2797.02 (with GE Historical Study) and 3798.03 (with GE Historical Study and GE Diversity—Global Studies). Please find below the feedback of the Panel:

- [History 2797.02](#) (new course; requesting GE Historical Study)

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

- How is GE assessment going to happen since the course is taught by non-OSU faculty? OSU faculty member seems to be a resident director.
- P. 4 of the syllabus mentions 2 pre-departure assignments. However, the daily schedule for the course only starts in-country. Please include schedule of pre-departure academic sessions with all relevant information. Will the group presentations indeed take place upon return to Ohio? If so, this post program activity needs to be included in the schedule for the course. Likewise the credit hour rationale only addresses the in-country part of the course. Academic pre- and post-trip sessions should be reflected in the credit hour rationale as well.
- The break-down of percentages / assignments is different on p. 4 of syllabus and p. 2 of credit hour rationale. Please reconcile both documents.
- Recommendation: *Form in curriculum.osu.edu should not say "independent study" for "Course Components" and "Grade Roster Component." This is probably more a lecture and/or field experience course.*

The Panel kindly asks that when the Department of History resubmits the course, the changes be highlighted in a different color so that the Panel can easily see the changes made to the documents.

- [History 3798.03](#) (new course; requesting GE Historical Study and GE Diversity—Global Studies)

The Panel approved the course with 6 contingencies & one recommendation listed below:

Contingencies:

- P. 2 of syllabus: Remove prereq that at least one Humanities course in

Chinese studies (History or DEALL) needs to be have been taken on the OSU campus prior to departure. Indeed this is not a prereq stated on the form in curriculum.osu.edu. This statement is also repeated on p. 6.

- P. 6: Unclear why statement about grades refers to “undergraduates and non-History graduate students” since this is not a graduate course.
- How will assessment for both the GE Historical Study and the GE Diversity—Global Studies categories be done since no OSU instructor will be involved in the actual teaching of the course? OSU faculty seems to be more a resident director.
- Panel unclear how this History course will address years between now and 2050.
- Panel needs list of readings. There is a statement on p. 6 of the syllabus: “See the ‘List of Projected Possible Readings’ attached to this syllabus.” However, this list is not attached to the syllabus.
- Request to provide more detailed descriptions of the assignments: what assignments entail; their lengths and format; information about possible in-class quizzes; how much reading will be required on what days etc.

Recommendation:

- Form in curriculum.osu.edu should not say “independent study” for “Course Components” and “Grade Roster Component.” This is probably more a lecture and/or field experience course.

I will return both courses via curriculum.osu.edu in a minute.

If you have any questions about this feedback, please feel free to contact Janice Aski (Chair of the Arts and Humanities Panel; cc'd here), or me.

My best,
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