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Subject: International Studies 4451 & 4853
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Dear Tony,

On Friday, October 3, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel reviewed proposals for two new International Studies courses: 4451 and 4853.

International Studies 4451 was approved with two contingencies, namely:

- Meeting times (number of contact hours) should be on syllabus.
- Can this course indeed count in Film Studies minor? There is a contradiction between what is stated on p. 1 of syllabus (course can count for both the minor and major in Film Studies) and the Film Studies concurrence provided by John Davidson (which states that the course can count in the major but does not say anything about the minor).

The Panel did not take a vote on 4853 but would like the following points to be addressed first;

- Level of course:
 - This is a 4000-level course, but there is very little reading. It is more appropriate to be a lower-level course. Could be an interesting freshman seminar.
 - The curriculum map says that 3 major goals are fulfilled at the most advanced level by this course. The Panel is skeptical of this.
 - Prereq: Sophomore standing or above. This might need to be changed if the course is resubmitted with a lower number
 - Conclusion: Panel asks that the Unit either lower the level of the course or beef up the syllabus.
- Suggestion: Clarify the following attendance statement: "The formula for the attendance/participation grade will be: 39 points for attendance = A, which allows a maximum of three absences without any penalty, and 36 points = A for a minimum of 12 postings on the course blog site."

I will return both courses via curriculum.osu.edu in a minute so that the points above can be addressed.

If you have any questions about this feedback, please feel free to contact Pok-sang Lam (Chair of the SBS Panel; here cc'd), or me.

My best,
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