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**Subject:** NELC 5125, 5126, and 5121  
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Professor Swartz and Justin,

On October 10, the Arts and Humanities Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed new course requests for NELC 5125, 5126, and 5121. Please find below the feedback of the Panel:

- NELC 5125 (new course); *unanimously approved with two recommendations:*
  - For future submissions of new course requests: if an undergraduate course can count toward the major (whether as a required course or an elective), please include the curriculum map of that program to which you have added the newly proposed course, indicating the program goal(s) and levels it is designed to meet.
  - Correct grading scale: A cannot go up to 107; D- is not a grade at OSU.
  
- NELC 5126 (new course); *the Panel did not take a vote on this course but would like the following points to be addressed first:*
  - If 5126 can count toward the major (whether as a required course or an elective), please include the curriculum map of that program to which you have added the newly proposed course, indicating the program goal(s) and levels it is designed to meet. If 5125 can count in major too, please add this course in curriculum map as well.
  - Correct grading scale: A cannot go up to 107; D- is not a grade at OSU.
  - Expand weekly schedule including all readings and assignments.
  
- NELC 5121 (new course); *the Panel did not take a vote on this course but would like the following points to be addressed first:*
  - Form in curriculum.osu.edu: Prereq: "The class presupposes a good working knowledge of Hebrew or prior coursework in Aramaic (e.g. biblical Aramaic or Syriac)" This statement will not be enforceable electronically and may confuse advisors. Better to state a specific level. For example: "Prereq: Hebrew 1103, or permission of instructor" (if that should be the level that the Department has in mind as a prerequisite for this course).
  - P. 2 of syllabus indicates that "Graduate students" will write a research paper. Undergraduates are not mentioned here. And yet, as a 5000-level course, this course will be open to undergraduates. If assignments for undergraduates and graduate students are different, what do undergraduates do instead of the 60% research paper?
  - Section IV. Course Schedule: "It is subject to change (check your OSU email accounts)." This sentence repeats information stated in the previous sentence.

NELC 5125 will next be reviewed by the ASC Graduate Curriculum Committee (since as a 5000-level course it is also a graduate course). I will return 5126 and 5121 via curriculum.osu.edu in a minute to enable to Department to address the points above.

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

My best,  
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