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Subject: Anthropology 3597.05 and 3418
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Scott and Elizabeth,

On Wednesday, January 14, the SBS Panel reviewed two course requests from the Department of Anthropology. Please find below the feedback of the Panel:

1. Anthropology 3597.05 (existing course; number change; drop H status?, add GE Social Science—Human, Natural, and Economic Resources) unanimously approved with 4 contingencies and 2 recommendations

- Contingencies:
 - Explain whether the intention is indeed to drop Honors status. The documents never explain this change. The Panel is confused because in its proposed new form the course will be accessible to freshmen and sophomores and non-H students but the course itself does not seem to have changed.
 - Provide updated curriculum map. Indeed, since the course will go from 4000-level to 3000-level (and seems to lose its Honors status), there will likely be changes in the curriculum map (which goals are fulfilled and at what level).
 - Syllabus:
 - P. 1: Include GE goals and expected learning outcomes for both GE categories (Cross-Disciplinary Seminar and Social Science—Human, Natural, and Economic Resources).
 - P. 3: Very top of the page, there is a reference to “exams,” but there are no exams on the schedule.
 - Provide more detailed assessment plan: e.g., tie a few questions to each expected learning outcome (ELO) of the requested GE category (current proposal mentions 15 questions but does not provide any specific examples) and also explain where data will be archived.
- Recommendations:
 - Replace the three references to quarters (on p. 3 of syllabus) with “semesters.”
 - Panel has some concern about the attendance policy that says that more than two absences lead to a failing grade.

2. Anthropology 3418 (existing course; small change to title and requesting GE Social Science—Individuals and Groups and GE Diversity—Global Studies) Panel did not take a vote on the course request but would like the following point addressed first:

- GE assessment plan does not address GE Social Sciences—Individuals and Groups. Request to attach the rubrics that are mentioned in last paragraph (but not provided in current proposal) and specify what scores students should achieve on the rubrics.

How/where will GE assessment data be archived? Last sentence makes reference to SEI, but the SEI does not pose questions pertaining to GE expected learning outcomes and cannot, therefore, be used for GE assessment.

I will return Anthropology 3597.05 and 3418 to the Department queue via curriculum.osu.edu so that the points above can be addressed.

As always, if you have any questions about the feedback above, feel free to contact Professor Pok-sang Lam (Chair of the SBS Panel; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
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