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Dear Joe,

On Monday, Oct. 5, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee re-considered a proposal to add GE Social Science: Individuals and Groups to ESEP 2309.

The Panel unanimously voted to not approve the course for the requested GE status. Please find below the reasoning of the Panel:

- ELO1: There is no evidence that ELO1 is addressed by group teaching project and teacher tool papers. There should be some time devoted to teaching research methods in the course. However, in the current proposal, research methods are not taught. Educational methods are not the same as social science.
- ELO2: Where are “the processes by which groups function” in the Philosophy of Teaching Statement and Reflection?
- ELO3: Social problem solving and policy making are not there at all. Real-life observation is actually optional.
- This is a standard education class, but it is not a GE social science course.

The faculty Chair of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel is Pok-sang Lam (Lam.1). Should you have any questions about the vote of the Panel, please direct your questions to him.

I will return the proposal via [curriculum.osu.edu](http://curriculum.osu.edu) in a minute.

Best regards,  
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