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Subject: Sociology 7753 and 8802 and GIS in Demography
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Dear Reanne,

The SBS Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed course proposals for Sociology 7753 and 8802 & a revision to the GISD on Monday, January 11.

Please find below, the feedback of the Panel

1. Sociology 7753 (new course): unanimously approved with one contingency and three recommendations
 - *Contingency:* No details are provided for any of the assignments. Request to describe problem sets & presentations/discussion.
 - *Recommendations:*
 - Include the link to the Code of Student Conduct in the statement on academic misconduct: <http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/>
 - Use standard statement about disability services (since it is ODS that determines which accommodation is necessary). See p. 14 of the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Operations Manual: <http://asccas.osu.edu/sites/asccas.osu.edu/files/asc-curr-assess-operations-manual.pdf>
 - Syllabus states that knowledge of calculus and matrix algebra is advantageous but not required. How much knowledge of calculus and matrix algebra is recommended? It might be beneficial for the students to elaborate a little bit.

1. Sociology 8802 (new course): unanimously approved with one contingency and four recommendations/questions
 - *Contingency:* Clarify what research presentation is and if any formal “paper” needs to be submitted.
 - *Recommendations/questions:*
 - Why is course repeatable 4 times since the course only counts once for the GISD?
 - The question was raised of whether there are enough readings for a 3-hr seminar. Indeed, every week there are 20-40 pp. of reading for this graduate course. Maybe there will be additional readings linked to the outside speakers? As such, the course does not seem to be a 3 credit hr graduate course.
 - Include the link to the Code of Student Conduct in the statement on academic misconduct: <http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/>
 - Use standard statement about disability services (since it is ODS that determines which accommodation is necessary). See p. 14 of the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Operations Manual: <http://asccas.osu.edu/sites/asccas.osu.edu/files/asc-curr-assess-operations-manual.pdf>

2. Revision GIS Demography: unanimously approved with the contingency that the two core courses (Sociology 7753 and 8802) be fully approved

I will return both courses via curriculum.osu.edu in a minute to enable the Dept of Sociology to address the points above. As soon as we receive revisions for the two courses and these are fully approved by the Chair of the SBS Panel (Professor Pok-sang Lam; here cc'd), the GISD will also advance to the next level (namely, review by the full ASC Curriculum Committee).

If you have any questions about this feedback, please feel free to contact Pok-sang Lam, or me.

Best,
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