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Dear Professor Beach,

The ASC Curriculum Committee has reviewed your proposal for a new freshman seminar, "The Second Crusade: The War Council of Acer, 1148."

I am happy to report that the proposal was approved with three contingencies, one reminder, and one question—all of which I list below:

Contingencies

- Syllabus lists 2 meetings/week at 80 minutes/meeting for 7 weeks. This is approximately 50% more class time that is necessary. A single term 1-credit hour freshman seminar should meet twice 55 minutes for 7 weeks. Class times should be reduced—which may affect how much work can be done.
- In schedule, please provide weekly assignments in enough detail to judge the workload (e.g., provide page intervals within each source for the class meetings).
- This course is not a GE Historical Study course so the expected learning outcomes for Historical Study on p. 1 should be removed. (Also, please note that these are outdated/pre-semester conversion learning outcomes. The most up-to-date GE goals and expected learning outcomes are posted here: <http://asccas.osu.edu/curriculum/ge-goals-and-learning-outcomes#Historical%20Study>)

Reminder & question

- Students will be non-Honors, first-year students, so they may not be prepared to cope with – and fully exploit – the broad range of resources identified in the syllabus. Likewise, the students will likely need guidance about expectations (e.g., for the three short papers).
- How will student absences be dealt with once groups are identified and the role-playing begins? Will the absence of one person in an important role make a meeting unproductive?

Should you have any questions about the feedback, I encourage you to contact Meg Daly, faculty Chair of the ASC Curriculum Committee (cc'd here), or me.

Please feel free to send a revised syllabus to me and I will then submit it for final committee approval.

Best wishes,
Bernadette



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