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Dear Professor Mitzen and Mr. Smith:

The Curriculum and Assessment Subcommittee of the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Committee has approved your proposal for a new honors course, Political Science 4784E (Complexity Science and the Study of Politics). The course will next be referred to University Honors & Scholars. Honors & Scholars has up to two weeks to review the course. Assuming approval by all of the appropriate curricular bodies, you may offer the course at your discretion.

In extending their approval, the members of the Curriculum and Assessment Subcommittee of the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Committee asked that I pass along the following recommendations:

- On page 2 of the 4784E syllabus in the “Requirements” section, change the text that refers to the non-honors assignment “complete a replication of an applied-agent based model” to the honors assignment “create and implement an original agent-based model”;
- In addition, on page 3 in the statement of qualitative difference, the committee felt students needed more clarity in the section that begins “Optionally”. It was unclear whether there was a choice between changing a parameter or doing a statistical analysis or there was a choice in doing an additional statistical analysis or not;
- Finally, in the “Breakdown of Grades by Assignment” in the 4784E syllabus, the committee thought it would add clarity to change “Original Research Paper” to a more specific phrase such as “Original Agent-based Model Research Paper” to be more in line with the different requirements for honors and non-honors.

The subcommittee members believe your course will be a welcome addition to the honors curriculum, and they wish you the very best with what they are certain will be a rewarding experience for you and your students.

Sincerely,
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