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Dear Bernadette,

I revised my freshman seminar syllabus based on the Committee's comments. I also sent the revised syllabus to Professor Aski who provided constructive comments and helped me to clarify some areas. The following are some of the changes that I've made:

Activities/Schedule:

Panel is surprised at amount of videos watched in class. Could some of these be watched as homework? Class should be more devoted to discussion.

I reviewed this section and moved the readings and the videos to be done as homework. The class will be devoted to discussion.

When the students watch the video or do the reading, then they will post question(s) for discussion on Carmen. I also added "Under Course Evaluation" a section for "Posting Questions on Carmen." Posted questions will be graded.

It might be very challenging for first-year students to come up with an essay topic in Week 1.

I agree, but I will create a list of topics that students can choose from or they can bring their own.

Why read an online page from CNN together in class in Week 3? Why not assign this as homework?

Did this too, no watching in class unless it is necessary.

Class participation policy:

One cannot penalize someone for an absence if they have a valid excuse.

Fixed this

Grading scale

Grading scale: C: should be from 73-75 (not 73-76).

Thank you for catching this.

Other change that was made:

To save time, I changed the "In class oral presentation" to a "Short video presentation"

Thank you all for your valuable suggestions and feedback.

All the Best,
Magda



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Subject: RE: New First-Year Seminar - Muslim Women: the secrets of the veil

Dear Magda,

On Tuesday, March 20, the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reconsidered your proposal for a new first-year seminar, "Muslim Women: The Secrets of the Veil."

The Panel did not vote on the proposal as they have further comments and questions about the syllabus. Please find below the feedback of the Panel:

- Activities/Schedule:
 - Panel is surprised at amount of videos watched in class. Could some of these be watched as homework? Class should be more devoted to discussion.
 - It might be very challenging for first-year students to come up with an essay topic in Week 1.
 - Why read an online page from CNN together in class in Week 3? Why not assign this as homework?
- Class participation policy:
 - One cannot penalize someone for an absence if they have a valid excuse.
 - Shouldn't the sentence starting with "After the second absence, you will lose . . .," actually read "At the second absence, you will lose . . ."?
 - Assuming that the sentence in the above bullet point should indeed start with "At the second absence, . . .," since there are only 7 classes during the semester does that mean that someone never attending class would still earn 14% for participation (because they would miss 6 classes and thus lose one point per missed class)?
- Grading scale: C: should be from 73-75 (not 73-76).

Janice Aski (faculty Chair of the Arts and Humanities) has indicated that she is happy to talk with you about the syllabus. She can be reached at aski.1@osu.edu.

Once you are ready to resubmit, please feel free to send a revised syllabus to me.

Regards,
Bernadette



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Subject: New First-Year Seminar - Women in Islam: the secrets of the veil

Dear Professor El-Sherbini,

On Tuesday, February 20, the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed your proposal for a new first-year seminar, "Women in Islam: the secrets of the veil."

The Panel did not vote on the proposal as they would like the following points addressed:

- First-year seminars are one credit hour. Indicate the correct number of credit hours on the syllabus.
- The course needs to be reconceived for a more appropriate level of work. A one credit hour course should include approximately one hour of class time and two hours of homework a week. See p. 16 of the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Operations Manual for the ASC definition of a credit hour
https://ascas.osu.edu/sites/ascas.osu.edu/files/ASC_CurrAssess_Operations_Manual.pdf
- The course needs to be readjusted to include 14 weeks instead of 10.
- Disability statement includes former location in Pomerene Hall. Please update to include current location in 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue. See p. 13 of ASC Curriculum and Assessment Operations Manual
https://ascas.osu.edu/sites/ascas.osu.edu/files/ASC_CurrAssess_Operations_Manual.pdf
- Recommendation: The title could be more specific to the content of the course. It is currently unclear if there is a world-wide focus or if it focuses on a specific region.
- Recommendation: The Panel recommends clarifying in the attendance policy if students can miss any classes or if there is a policy for illness.

Should you have any questions about this feedback, do not hesitate to contact Janice Aski (faculty

Chair of the Arts and Humanities 1; cc'd here), or me.

Please feel free to send a revised syllabus to me and Bernadette Vankeerbergen (cc'd here), and I will then submit it to the A&H1 Panel for approval.

Best,
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