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Subject: RE: New First-Year Seminar - Muslim Women: the secrets of the veil
Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018 1:34:00 PM
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Dear Magda,

On Thursday, April 12, 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 unanimously approved your proposed seminar with the following contingencies:

- Class attendance: Request to clarify to what extent students will lose points if they have an undocumented absence.
- Week 1: How will students be informed of the viewing and posting assignments even before the first class?
- Short video presentation: What exactly does that entail? What are the expectations? Do these have to be commented on by students before Week 7?
- Panel suggests taking out the essay and replacing with a Powerpoint or Prezi presentation, for example.
- Class presentation: Does it have to be about women leaders or can it also be about male Muslim leaders who are connected to the topic (e.g., have done much for women's rights)?

The Panel recommends that if you have questions about the syllabus, you might appreciate talking with someone at UCAT (the University Center for the Advancement of Teaching). Their consultants may even have good tips on fostering discussion in the classroom & leading difficult conversations.

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

My best,
Bernadette



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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,
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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://asccas.osu.edu/sites/asccas.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://asccas.osu.edu/sites/asccas.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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