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**Subject:** First Year Seminar PROPOSAL: A study of sin

Salutations,

I am an associated faculty lecturer in the Department of Psychology, and would like to propose a first year seminar: A Study of Sin (Moral Psychology primer). This course would involve work at the intersection of psychology and philosophy, and focus on students applying concepts to their everyday lives. I thought this topic would be particularly interesting to first-year students, and isn't covered nicely by any existing course that I know of.

The main resources will be a series of expert talks, freely available online, coupled with "mini-lectures" to introduce what we know about HOW people make moral and ethical decisions. These will be followed by broad in-class discussion, and brief online written discussions. My current proposal would be the 7-week version of the class, meeting 2/week, and is graded. I am flexible on this, if you think it would work better a different way.

I have submitted the required paperwork and a tentative syllabus. I have acquired approval from Dr. Charles Emery (the Chair of the Department of Psychology), and will be forwarding those e-mails to [bitters.4@osu.edu](mailto:bitters.4@osu.edu) as well.

I am not 100% sure about the exact time and location (or class number) this section would have, so those items on the proposal syllabus are up for change at your discretion.

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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