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Dear all,

Last week, the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee e-voted on a request to create new course Russian 5103.

The Panel unanimously approved the request with a few comments:

- With its focus on language skills, this might be a good course to include in the new MA specialization Russian Language and Culture for the Professions.
- P. 3: The grading scale includes a D-, which is not a grade at Ohio State.
- P. 4: Proofread the paragraphs that refer to the number of excused absences. There are inconsistencies that need to be corrected: Is it two or four absences that are allowed? From there, other inconsistencies follow.
 - II. Over the course of the semester, you will be allowed **two (2) non-excused absences** of 160 minutes (equivalent to one (1) week of class) without the need for official documentation. These days should not be interpreted as free days! Use them wisely! They should be reserved for foreseeable or unforeseeable events, such as non-emergency medical issues, weddings, job interviews, vacations, car trouble, etc.

Note:

 - Homework due or assigned on days you choose to **use your four non-excused absences** will NOT be excused. Homework is still expected to be turned in on time (through email, for example).
 - Participation on days you choose to **use your four non-excused absences** will NOT be excused.
 - III. **Any non-excused absences beyond four (2) (i.e., beginning with the third)** will result in a one-percent deduction from the final grade per absence. For example, if your overall grade is 92% (A-) and **you have seven (5) non-excused absences (three beyond the four allowed)**, your final assigned course grade will be 89% (B+) [i.e., 92% – 3% = 89%].
- P. 4: Since the syllabus indicates that 2 absences are equivalent to 1 week of classes, 16 absences would be equivalent to 8 weeks of classes. That is still a very high number of classes to miss. The faculty member might like to rethink the following paragraph.

IV. Students with more than 16 total absences (excused AND non-excused combined) will not receive a passing grade for the course, regardless of the reasons for the absences, since in-class communicative activities cannot be made up.

Please, keep record of your absences using the table Record of Absences and Tardies in the end of this syllabus.

- P. 7: Under Class Participation Grading Scale:

“0 = Student is absent, or is not prepared for class, or does not participate”

The part about “not prepared for class” is vague. Could it be clarified by more specific information, like “shows evidence of not having read any assignments” or “is not able to answer any questions posed in class”?

The course has been advanced to the next level.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to Carmen Taleghani-Nikazm, faculty Chair of the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel (cc'd here), or me.

My best,
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