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Good afternoon,

On Friday, July 17, the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed proposals to offer distance learning versions of Economics 8712 and 8722. Please find below the Committee's feedback for these courses.

- Economics 8712: Microeconomic Theory 1B (existing course requesting 100% DL) – approved with one contingency and two recommendations:
  - Contingency: The syllabus states that the course will be offered 100% online to accommodate students during the ongoing public health crisis. "We want the flexibility to offer the course as a DL course in case a group of students are not able to attend in person (due to pandemic, travel visa issues, etc." If this is the case the course should not be submitted for permanent DL status, but submitted and approved for temporary status, or the department should provide a curriculum based rationale for applying for permanent DL status. **Please see the attached DL Rationale Request Letter for more information regarding this contingency.**
  - Recommendation: State specific office hours and your method of contact on the first page. Also, state the methods of online delivery (e.g., percentage of synchronous modes, and % of asynchronous modes) for the instructor. For instance, will all lectures be synchronous?
  - Recommendation: Course practices - The syllabus refers to "OSU blue books" and the Grades paragraph on p. 3 mentions that exam absences will not be accepted without a doctors' note. Will these practices be continued in the online environment?
  - Recommendation: Assignments - The syllabus could indicate when problem sets are due, and how exams will be administered (although p 5 says "Carmen exams").
  - Recommendation: Clarification - the syllabus says that "The problem set will be discussed in the Friday recitations." However, there are no Friday sessions on the weekly schedule.
  - Recommendation: OSU staff change - Molly Peirano is now serving as interim Title IX coordinator.
  - Recommendation: Typo - for Optional Readings, the Krep reading citation is not complete (i.e., ends with a comma).
- Economics 8722: Macroeconomic Theory 1B (existing course requesting 100% DL) – approved with one contingency and three recommendations:
  - Contingency: The syllabus states that the course will be offered 100% online to accommodate students during the ongoing public health crisis. "We want the flexibility to offer the course as a DL course in case a group of students are not able to attend in person (due to pandemic, travel visa issues, etc." If this is the case the course should not be submitted for permanent DL status, but submitted and

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- Recommendation: State specific office hours on the first page of the syllabus.
- Recommendation: State on page 1-2 the methods of online delivery (e.g., percentage of synchronous modes, and % of asynchronous modes). For instance, on page 6 it says that students “attend all lecture and recitation sessions by zoom,” but the frequency, date, and day of week for these doesn’t seem to be indicated.
- Recommendation: Provide the deadlines for problem sets and assignments on the weekly schedule.

I will return Economics 8712 and 8722 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Committee’s requests.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Committee, please feel free to contact Alison Crocetta (faculty Chair of the ASC Curriculum Committee; cc’d on this e-mail), or me.

Best wishes,  
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