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Subject: New First-Year Seminar - Streaming the Middle East: history, politics, and identity in two popular Netflix series
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Dear Professors Sellman and Schoon,

On Wednesday, March 17, the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed your proposal for a new first-year seminar, "Streaming the Middle East: history, politics, and identity in two popular Netflix series."

The Panel unanimously approved the proposed seminar with one contingency and two recommendations:

- Contingency: Please update the Disability Statement (as found on page 3 of the syllabus) to the most up-to-date version, which can be found on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website at <https://ascas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>
- Recommendation: The Panel recommends clarifying the assignments, specifically the summary papers. Are these summary papers the midterm and final paper? The Panel also suggests putting these assignments on the syllabus calendar, so students can best plan out their semesters.
- Recommendation: The Panel recommends changing the sentence "At the end of each of the two TV series, students may write a short (2-3 page) summary of what they learned" as found on page 2 of the syllabus under Course Policies. They feel as if using the word "may" in that sentence will cause students confusion about whether or not these assignments are optional and/or if they affect the student's overall grade in the course.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Panel, please feel free to contact Brad Steinmetz (faculty Chair of the A&H1 Panel; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

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

Best,
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