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Hi Rachel,

Here is what the instructor sent us:

**This course is designed as an introduction to the academic literature on topics of identity, intersectionality, power, and politics. The course format requires students to engage with peer-reviewed academic texts, and as such is demarcated with an upper-level course number. Prof. Yadon will assist students in engaging with these texts through a combination of lecture and group activities. Two of the core goals of the course are (a) exposing students to social scientific research related to race, gender, and ethnicity, and (b) teaching students to be critical consumers of information. Importantly, the course does not presume or require any background knowledge on topics of race or gender, and is thus open to students from a variety of backgrounds. (Indeed, Prof. Yadon’s other 3000- and 4000-level race and politics course offerings have enrolled a number of freshmen and sophomores who have performed quite well.) The higher course number is intended to signal the rigor and high-standards of the course to students, while the course description, format, materials, and assignments have been purposefully designed to provide an opportunity for students at all levels to learn and participate.**

Vlad

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Charles and Vlad-

Good afternoon! I’m reaching out on behalf of the Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity Panel of the ASCC. Poli Sci 4147 was on their agenda to be reviewed as a GE Foundations: REGD course during the Panel’s meeting yesterday (March 30<sup>th</sup>). The course was not voted on due to lack of time for discussion. The Panel would like to continue the discussion of the course at its next meeting, but they did want me to reach out informally and ask for some additional information first. It is unusual

for the Panel to see a 4000-level course asking to be a part of the GE Foundations, since Foundations courses are generally aimed at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students. Would someone from the department be able to compose a short statement for the Panel explaining the department's thinking on this? While there is no hard and fast rule about the level of GE Foundations courses (and the Panel would not reject a course solely based on the number,) a 4000-level course is unusual enough that the Panel would like some more information.

Thanks so much!

Rachel



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