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Good afternoon Dr. Guatelli-Steinberg,

I hope this email finds you well!

I am writing on behalf of the Themes Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee to provide an update to the ASCC Themes Panel's May 13th, 2022 approval of Anthropology 3302 for inclusion in the GE Theme: Health and Wellbeing.

At their June 9th and June 23rd meetings, the Panel reviewed subsequent course submissions (3301, 5602) from the Department of Anthropology which you and the department will be receiving the feedback for shortly. As a part of their feedback, the Panel determined that they would like further information from the department surrounding the prerequisites for 3301 and 5602. Specifically, the panel is concerned that the pre-requisite for 3301 and 5602 (ANTHROP 2200) itself has a prerequisite of BIOLOGY 1101, and found that this pre-requisite structure may be too restrictive for a GE course and not be accessible to students outside of the major.

As conversations at the June 9th and 23rd meetings developed, it was brought to the Panel's attention that the discussion of ANTHROP 3302, had not included consideration of *that* course's prerequisites of *both* ANTHROP 2200 and 2202. In order to remain consistent, the Panel feels that it is important to re-visit the feedback for Anthropology 3302.

The Panel would like to kindly and respectfully request that the Department of Anthropology revisit the prerequisites for ANTHROP 3302 and consider how they could be modified in order to make the course more accessible to students outside of the various majors offered by the Department of Anthropology. For example, do you really consider that *both* 2200 and 2202 have to be taken by non-majors to be able to take 3302? Furthermore, does BIOLOGY 1101 *really* need to be taken before taking 2200? One of the basic principles of the general education program is that GE courses should be made available to undergraduates with a minimum of prerequisites and not be restricted to majors. That is what sets *general* education courses apart from courses designed for majors. Having to take three prerequisite courses (one Biology course and two Anthropology courses) before taking 3302 does not seem to make 3302 easily accessible to a broad swath of undergraduate students who are just trying to fulfill a GE requirement. (As an aside, these multiple prerequisites may even affect enrollment in Anthropology 3302.)

The Panel and the ASCC apologize for their initial oversight and thank the Department of

Anthropology for their time in responding to this request.

Should you have any questions surrounding this request, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jim Fredal, faculty Chair of the ASCC Themes Panel (cc'd on this email), Bernadette Vankeerbergen, Assistant Dean for Curriculum (cc'd on this email), or me.

My best,
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Good morning,

On Friday, May 13th, the Themes Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new GE Theme: Health and Wellbeing request for Anthropology 3302. Please see the Panel's feedback below.

The Panel unanimously approved the request with one recommendation.

- **Recommendation:** The reviewing faculty recommend correcting the following small errors in

the course syllabus:

- In the header of the course syllabus, the department-of-offering is listed as WGSS.
- Title IX statement is outdated and the most up-to-date version can be found on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website at:
<https://ascas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>.

Anthropology 3302 will continue through the approval process.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jim Fredal, faculty Chair of the ASCC Themes Panel, Megan Amaya, faculty Co-Chair of the Theme Advisory Group: Health and Wellbeing, or myself.

Best,
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