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Good afternoon,

On Thursday, June 9th, the Themes Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed new GE Theme: Health and Wellbeing proposals for Anthropology 5700, 5702, 3301 and 5602. Please see below for the Panel's feedback.

Anthropology 5700

- Anthropology 5700 was unanimously approved with three contingencies:
 - **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty request that an in-person syllabus be provided as Anthropology 5700 has not been approved to be taught in a distance format nor has an application for distance approval been submitted to the Panel. Additionally, they would like to remind the department that this course should not be taught at a distance in the future unless the department submits an application for distance learning approval.
 - **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty request that the GE Goals be added to the course syllabus, per a requirement of all General Education courses. They note that the GE ELOs are on page 2 of the syllabus, but they request that the Goals be added as well. The GE Goals and ELOs can be found on the Office of Academic Affairs website at: <https://oaa.osu.edu/ohio-state-ge-program>.
 - **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty request that a cover letter be provided that details all changes made as a result of the feedback above.

Anthropology 5702

- Anthropology 5702 was unanimously approved with one contingency:
 - **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty request that the GE Goals be added to the course syllabus, per a requirement of all General Education courses. They note that the GE ELOs are on p.2 of the syllabus, but they request that the Goals be added as well. The GE Goals and ELOs can be found on the Office of Academic Affairs website at: <https://oaa.osu.edu/ohio-state-ge-program>.

Anthropology 3301

- Anthropology 3301 was not voted on as the Panel would like the follow feedback items addressed:
 - The reviewing faculty ask that the course content be more explicitly tailored to meet the GE Theme-specific ELOs for the GE Theme: Health and Well-being. They ask that this explicit connection be further explored in both the content within the course syllabus as well as the provided GE submission forms. They ask that the GE submission forms reference specific sections of the syllabus, such as the assignments, readings, etc., and that the course syllabus link assignments to specific GE ELOs.
 - Additionally, the reviewing faculty are currently unsure how the course will satisfy GE Theme-specific ELO 3.2 and ask that this ELO, in particular, be especially developed and explained in the course syllabus and GE submission forms.
 - The reviewing faculty would like some additional clarification from the department surrounding the prerequisites for this course. Currently, the course has the "intended rank" of Freshman and above in curriculum.osu.edu. However, the course also has a prerequisite of Anthropology 2200. Anthropology 2200, additionally, has a prerequisite of Biology 1101 or equivalent. General Education courses in the new GE program should have few to no prerequisites, per the Office of Academic Affairs, and the reviewing faculty worry that these prerequisites are too restrictive for a General Education course and would like some additional clarification about how the department views these prerequisites.

- The reviewing faculty ask for clarification for where the course syllabus begins in the document provided by the department. It appears that pages 1 and 2 of the document submitted may be a course proposal or rationale and not a part of the course syllabus, which appears to begin on page 3 of the document submitted.
- Additionally, the reviewing faculty ask that the GE Goals and ELOs be added to the syllabus, per a requirement of General Education courses, as they do not appear directly and clearly on the submitted document. The GE Goals and ELOs can be found on the Office of Academic Affairs website at: <https://oaa.osu.edu/ohio-state-ge-program>.
- The reviewing faculty recommend removing the letter grades of D- and F from the course grading scale (as found on page 4 of the document), as The Ohio State University does not award the letter grades of D- and F. The latter grade should be replaced by E.
- The reviewing faculty recommend updating the Title IX statement (as found on page 6 of the syllabus) to the most up-to-date version, which can be found on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment website at: <https://ascas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>.
- The reviewing faculty request that a cover letter be provided that details all changes made as a result of the feedback above.

Anthropology 5602

- Anthropology 5602 was approved with four contingencies:
 - **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty would like some additional clarification from the department surrounding the prerequisites for this course. Currently, the course has the “intended rank” of Freshman and above in curriculum.osu.edu. However, the course also has a prerequisite of Anthropology 2200. Anthropology 2200, additionally, has a prerequisite of Biology 1101 or equivalent. General Education courses in the new GE program should have few to no prerequisites, per the Office of Academic Affairs, and the reviewing faculty worry that these prerequisites are too restrictive for a General Education course and would like some additional clarification about how the department views these prerequisites.
 - **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty are concerned that this course has additional “soft” prerequisites of Anthropology 2202, 3301 and 3302 as, in the GE submission forms under General GE ELO 2.1, there is mention that the course will “...build upon basic concepts taught in Anthropology 2200 (Introduction to Physical Anthropology), 2202 (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology), 3301 (Modern Human Physical Variation) and 3302 (Introduction to Medical Anthropology)”. They ask the department to address how a student who does not have 2202, 3301 and 3302 completed will be successful within this course, as they are not prerequisites for the course and this course will be taken by students of all backgrounds and disciplines as a part of the GE Theme: Health and Well-being.
 - **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that Theme-specific ELO 3.2 be updated in the course syllabus on page 3, as it has recently been updated. As a reminder, the GE Goals and ELOs can be found on the Office of Academic Affairs website at: <https://oaa.osu.edu/ohio-state-ge-program>.
 - **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty request that a cover letter be provided that details all changes made as a result of the feedback above.

I will return Anthropology 5700, 5702, 3301 and 5602 to the departmental queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Panel’s feedback.

Should you have any questions regarding this feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jim Fredal, faculty Chair of the ASCC Themes Panel, Eden Lin, faculty co-chair of the Theme Advisory Group: Health and Wellbeing, or me.

My best,
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