



Associate Professor Brad Steinmetz  
Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Dear Professor Steinmetz and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee,

On September 29, 2022, the ASCC's Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel reviewed and approved a proposal from the Department of Anthropology for a new Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization (GIS) in Wicked Science. The goal of the GIS is to train graduate students to become wicked scientists who can take on the challenges of today and tomorrow – otherwise known as wicked problems. The GIS in Wicked Science is open to all graduate and professional students but is designed to target graduate students in departments affiliated with the Interdisciplinary Institutes at Ohio State.

The GIS will require a minimum of 10 credit hours from four required courses, including two 3-credit courses cross-listed between the Departments of Anthropology and Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology (EEOB), and a 1-credit capstone course offered by the Department of Anthropology. The remaining 3 credits will be obtained from one of three courses offered by the Departments of Public Affairs and Design.

The panel was very pleased with the proposal. The Department of Anthropology has put together a very thorough proposal with clearly articulated goals, an administrative plan, and an assessment plan. The panel offered one recommendation related to counseling students interested in the GIS and one comment regarding the potential development of a certificate in Wicked Science.

We advance the proposal for the GIS in Wicked Science to the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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