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Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, October 18th, the Themes 2 Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a GEN Theme: Number, Nature, Mind & Origins and Evolution request for Astronomy 2143.

The Subcommittee declined to vote on the proposal as they would like the following feedback addressed in a revision:

- The reviewing faculty ask that the syllabus be expanded upon, and more information be provided within the syllabus on how the assignments (page 2 of the syllabus) link to the Theme General ELOs (ELOs 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, and 2.2). They specifically would like to see further evidence that ELO 2.2 is being addressed within the course assignments and that students will be offered the opportunity to reflect upon their own learning as it applies to the Themes of Origins and Evolution and Number, Nature, Mind.
- The reviewing faculty would like to see a course calendar that showcases with further detail what students will be doing each week of the course: e.g., more detailed explanations of what activities will take place in the classroom and the types of assignments students will complete; more information about the assigned readings (since a reference to, for example, “Chapter 5” does not enable the reviewing faculty to understand what that covers and how substantial the reading assignments are); and any other applicable information. Ideally, the course calendar will be broken down by class session.
- The prerequisite on the form in curriculum.osu.edu and in the syllabus (page 2) do not quite match (the fact that the GEN Foundation Natural Science is waived for students on the legacy GE).
- The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee recently updated the list of required syllabus statements for all syllabi within the College to include a statement on religious accommodations. This new, required statement is a result of a directive by the Executive Vice President and Provost and [can be found here on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). The Subcommittee thanks you for adding this statement to your course syllabus.
- The reviewing faculty offer the friendly recommendation to update the Student Life – Disability Services statement in the course syllabus, as it has been recently updated it for the 2023-24 academic year. The most up-to-date [statements can be found here](#) on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment website.

I will return Astronomy 2143 to the departmental queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee’s feedback.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ila Nagar, faculty Chair of the Themes 2 Subcommittee, or me.

All my best,
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