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Good morning,

On Friday, January 27th, the Themes 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World proposal for Sociology 3597.01. Please see below for the Panel's feedback.

The Panel unanimously approved the request with five contingencies, two recommendations, and one comment:

- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that more details be provided within the course syllabus as to how a student will engage with the idea of citizenship in the course assignments. They would like further information about how at least one of the course assignments will have students engage with the Theme and how they will be evaluated as they engage with the Theme.
- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty request that the Intended Rank and the prerequisites be amended to complement one another. If the offering department feels that the course should be limited to students with senior standing (although the Panel would strongly recommend that the course be open to more students), then the reviewing faculty ask that this be expressed as a prerequisite. If the offering department feels that the course should be open to students of all or most ranks, they ask that this be expressed in the "Intended Rank" section.
- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that the department alter the statement on page 1 of the syllabus that reads, "Sociology 3597.01 meets the GEN Citizenship for a diverse and Just World Theme requirement" to read "This course is approved for inclusion in the GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World", as the course will not, in and of itself, meet the requirement for the theme, as 4-6 credit hours are needed for completion.
- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty request that all GEN Goals and ELOs (as well as an explanatory rationale) be included in the chart on the syllabus (pg. 2-3). Currently, only 2 of the 4 Goals (and their corresponding ELOs and explanatory rationale) are listed. A complete list of all GEN Goals and ELOs in an easy to copy-and-paste format can be found on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website at: <https://asccas.osu.edu/new-general-education-gen-goals-and-elos>.
- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that a cover letter be submitted that details all changes made as a result of the provided feedback.
- **Recommendation:** The reviewing faculty recommend that the department use the most up-to-date version of the Mental Health statement (syllabus page 8), as the phone number and name of the suicide prevention hotline have changed. An up-to-date statement for the Columbus campus can be found here: <https://asccas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>. Should you require an updated statement for a regional campus, please reach out to that office directly.
- **Recommendation:** The reviewing faculty recommend that the department remove all references to the GEC (syllabus page 1) and instead reference the "General Education", "New General Education", or "GEN". The GEC is a retired General Education plan.
- **Comment:** The reviewing faculty offer a friendly reminder that all student service statements (Mental Health, Student Life – Disability Services, Title IX, etc.) should be specific to the campus-of-offering. While they understand this syllabus has been crafted for students at the Marion campus, if this course is offered on other campuses, they kindly remind the department that the statements will need to be adjusted.

I will return Sociology 3597.01 to the departmental queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Panel's feedback above.

Should you have any questions regarding this feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jim Fredal, faculty Chair of the ASCC Themes 1 Panel, Birgitte Soland, faculty Chair of the Theme Advisory Group: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World, or me.

All my best,

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