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Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a revision to the Comparative Studies BA.

I am pleased to report that Panel approved the request with one contingency and two recommendations. As a reminder, the Panel's contingencies must be satisfied in a submitted revision before the program proposal may advance.

- **Contingency:** The Panel noticed that, on pages 6-10 of the provided proposal, there is a list of all Comparative Studies and Religious Studies courses that can fit within the Core and a list of all options that can be taken to fulfill the one course outside the department to be used within the Core. They also noticed that within these lists, for example, Comparative Studies 4921 is listed underneath the "Courses in Comparative Studies that can fulfill the Core or the Elective requirements" while WGSS 4921 and AAAS 4921 are listed underneath the "Courses from outside Comparative Studies that can fulfill the Electives and 1 Core requirement", even though Comparative Studies, WGSS, and AAAS 4921 are cross-listed courses. If a student enrolls in either the WGSS or AAAS sections, they must be able to count this underneath the "Courses in Comparative Studies that can fulfill the Core of the Elective requirements" list, as cross-listed courses are treated as the same course in the current university structure. The Panel knows that Comparative Studies has many cross-listed courses and asks that the department clarify in these listings which courses are cross-listed and that if a student takes a course in any section of the cross-listing, they can utilize that within the Core, regardless of if its listing in the Comparative Studies section. They recommend utilizing a structure on the list that would read something like "Comparative Studies 4921 (Cross-listed with WGSS 4921 and AAAS 4921)" and removing those cross-listed courses from the secondary list (where students may only choose one to fulfill their Core).
- **Recommendation:** The Panel recommends clarifying what 4000-level courses can count as the required "research" course, as currently on page 5 of the proposal (the new advising sheet), section V, "Research Course", it states that these must come from sections II or III (the Required Courses or the Concentration Core). It does not appear that any 4000-level courses (besides 4990, which has a pre-req of any 4000-level research course) are located within section II, Required Courses.
- **Recommendation:** The Panel strongly recommends clarifying to students whether 2340, which is the required embedded literacy course, can count in a student's Core or Electives. As the proposal is currently written, it is unclear whether only 3990 and 4990 can count within the major program.

Once a revision is ready, please email a copy to me and Bernadette Vankeerbergen, Assistant Dean for Curriculum (and cc'd to this email) and we will work to ensure it receives the proper review.

The Panel wanted me to offer the friendly reminder that, once the contingency is reviewed and approved by faculty Chair David Staley, the proposal will need to advance to the full Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee for approval. The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee will meet for two more meetings this semester, on April 21<sup>st</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>, before going on recess for the summer. Meetings will resume in the autumn semester.

Should you have any questions surrounding this feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to

David Staley, faculty Chair of the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel, or me.

All my best,  
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