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Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, May 3rd, the Arts and Humanities 1 Panel of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new GEN Foundation: Historical and Cultural Studies request for Philosophy 2120.

I am pleased to report that the Panel unanimously approved the request with three contingencies and three recommendations:

- **Contingency:** The Panel asks that the course calendar be reworked to fit within a 14-week semester, rather than a 16-week semester, as the university conducts business on 14-week semesters.
- **Contingency:** The Panel asks that a list of all required course materials and readings be provided within the course syllabus.
- **Contingency:** On page 6 of the syllabus, under the “All the Boring Stuff That Nobody Reads but We’re Required to Include TL;DR” section, the final bullet point mentions that “This counts as *Cultures and Ideas* the old GE and *Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts* in the new GE”. However, this course has never been approved for GEL Cultures and Ideas. It is currently approved for GEL Literature and GEL Diversity – Global Studies. The Panel asks that this reference to GEL Cultures and Ideas be removed and that the course’s approved legacy categories (Literature and Diversity – Global Studies) and newly approved GEN Foundation: Historical and Cultural Studies be added.
- **Recommendation:** The Panel recommends using less judgmental language surrounding the required syllabus statements (as found on page 6 of the syllabus with the title “All the Boring Stuff That Nobody Reads but We’re Required to Include”). This information can be very important and vital to some students and they worry that the way it is currently phrased could deter students from reading this important information.
- **Recommendation:** The Panel recommends, on page 1 of the syllabus, to remove the statement “In accordance with current OSU policies, this class will be taught in-person. Attendance over Zoom counts as an absence which can be explained at the end of the semester”. There is no official OSU policy surrounding attendance nor is there policy stating that Zoom attendance should be counted as an absence, unless the Department of Philosophy has an internal policy.
- **Recommendation:** The Panel recommends updating the Student Life – Disability Services and Mental Health statements, as they were updated at the beginning of the 2022-2023 Academic Year. The most up-to-date statements can be found on the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website at: <https://asccas.osu.edu/curriculum/syllabus-elements>.

I will return Philosophy 2120 to the departmental queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Panel’s above feedback.

Should you have any questions, 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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