

Russian 4330

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Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, May 8th, the Themes I Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee and the Theme Advisory Group for Traditions, Cultures, and Transformations reviewed a course proposal for Russian 4330 to be included in the GEN Theme: Traditions, Cultures, and Transformations category.

The reviewing faculty did not vote on the proposal as they would like the following points addressed:

- a. The reviewing faculty ask that the department provide additional information on the syllabus (under "Descriptions of major course assignments", pgs. 5-6) about how the course's assignments will be used to assess students' achievement of the ELOs.
- b. The reviewing faculty appreciate the variety of course topics listed on the GEN Submission Form under the ELOs associated with goals 3 and 4, but they request that the department amend their responses to provide further explanation of how the courses readings, assessments, lectures, and other activities will fulfill the course goals and allow students the opportunity to demonstrate mastery of the ELOs.
- c. The reviewing faculty ask that the department provide further details for students in the Assignment Descriptions (syllabus, pgs. 5-6), including the expected length, format, and style of the writing assignments and exams; guidance about the way students' mastery of the GEN goals and ELOs will be evaluated; and the expected level of writing. As a GEN course at the 4000 level that does not have pre-requisites, having clear expectations for students (who will come from a variety of majors and colleges and have many different academic experiences) is important for student success.
- d. The reviewing faculty request that the department provide additional information about how students will demonstrate an "evolving sense of self as a learner" (GEN Theme Traditions, Cultures, and Transformations ELO 2.2). While they note and appreciate the department's indication that the students will engage in reflective writing and discussion participation, they are unsure how students will be assessed in this area.
- e. The reviewing faculty ask that the department modify the heading on pg. 2 of the syllabus that currently reads "General Educations Goals and Themes", as this could be confusing for students. Instead, the reviewing faculty suggest titling the section "General Education" and including a statement under the heading such as "Russian 4330 is a part of the GEN Theme: Traditions, Cultures, and Transformations category. As such, it fulfills the following goals and ELOs:"
- f. The reviewing faculty note and appreciate that the department has used the new Religious Accommodations Statement on pg. 10 of the syllabus. However, the link at the bottom of the statement as it appears on the [ASCCAS website](#) ("Policy: Religious Holidays, Holy Days, and Observances") must be included to fully comply with the law.

I will return Russian 4330 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the reviewing faculty's requests.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the reviewing faculty, please feel free to contact Jim Fredal (faculty Chair of the Themes I Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), Heather Tanner (faculty Chair of the Traditions, Cultures, and Transformations TAG; also cc'd on this email), or me.

Best,
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