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Good afternoon

On Tuesday, September 5th, the Themes I Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course proposal for Philosophy 3210.02.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with two contingencies and two recommendations:

- i. **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that the department clarify how the research paper assignment in this course differs from a research paper assignment that would be given in a typical 3-credit hour, 3000 level philosophy course; they are trying to ascertain how students' research in this course will be qualitatively different. To this end, they ask that the department include in the syllabus a paragraph that explains to students (many of whom will be from majors outside of the Department of Philosophy) what research consists of in the field of philosophy, what methodologies are employed, and how students will conduct philosophy research and utilize some of those methodologies in this course.
- ii. **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that the unit provide a cover letter outlining the changes that are made to the proposal a result of this feedback.
- iii. *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty recommend that the department use the most recent version of the Student Life Disability Services Statement (syllabus, pg. 13), which was updated to reflect the university's new COVID-19 policies in August 2023. The updated statement can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#).
- iv. *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty suggest that the department update their curriculum map to reflect the renumbering of Philosophy 3210 to 3210.01 and 3210.02.

As a reminder, **contingencies** (in bold above) must be addressed and resubmitted via curriculum.osu.edu before a course can move forward in the approval process. *Recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught. I will return Philosophy 3210.02 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee's requests.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Subcommittee, please feel free to contact Jim Fredal (faculty Chair of the Themes I Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
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