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Good afternoon,

On Thursday, September 7th, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course proposal for Political Science 2145.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with seven recommendations:

- a. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department reconsider the percentages of the final grade that are attributed to each assignment, as currently, they only add up to 90% (syllabus pg. 6).
- b. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department review the amount of time that the Weekly Quizzes are available for students to complete (syllabus pg. 6), as such a long window has been known to cause difficulties with Academic Misconduct.
- c. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee suggests that that the department add the due dates for assignments to the course schedule on pgs. 8-13 of the syllabus.
- d. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department remove the reference to “OSU’s standard grading scheme” (syllabus pg. 7), as the university has no standard or official grading scheme; instructors are free to use any scale that works for their course.
- e. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee notes that the required statement on Academic Misconduct (syllabus pgs. 13-14) is missing the [link to the Code of Student Conduct](#), and they recommend that it be added.
- f. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee offers the friendly observation that the “Contact with Your Instructor” section of the syllabus (pg. 13) has the wrong course number listed (2240 rather than 2145).
- g. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department use the most recent version of the Student Life Disability Services Statement (syllabus, pg. 14), 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](#).

As a reminder, *recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught. Poli Sci 2145 will continue through the approval process to the Themes Subcommittee.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Subcommittee, please feel free to contact Amy Nathanson (faculty Chair of the SBS Subcommittee; cc’d on this e-mail), or me.

Best,

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