

Medieval and Renaissance Studies 3217

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Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, January 17th, the Themes I Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee and the Theme Advisory Group for Lived Environments reviewed a course proposal for Medieval and Renaissance Studies 3217.

The reviewing faculty unanimously approved the request with one contingency and four recommendations:

- i) **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that the department amend the statement on pg. 2 of the syllabus that reads "This course also satisfies the 'Themes' requirement (Lived Environments) of the GEN", as this course does not, in and of itself, satisfy the requirement for 4-6 credit hours in the Lived Environments Theme. As an alternative, the reviewing faculty suggest the following: "This course is also approved as a part of the GEN Theme: Lived Environments" category."
- ii) *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty recommend that the department include the reflection assignments (mentioned briefly on pg. 3) in the course schedule (syllabus pg. 7-13) so that students can consider these as a part of their weekly course preparation.
- iii) *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty note that the explanation of how the course meets the goals and ELOs of the GEN category (syllabus, pg. 3-4) is quite lengthy, and they recommend that the department consider a more succinct explanation that will be more accessible to students.
- iv) *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty recommend that the grade percentages assigned to each assessment (syllabus pg. 5) be adjusted to reflect the inclusion of the reflection assignments (mentioned briefly on pg. 3) in the graded portion of the course, since these assignments contribute significantly to students' achievement of the GEN goals and ELOs.
- v) *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty recommend that the department use the most recent version of the Mental Health Statement (syllabus, pg. 6), as the name and phone number of the Suicide/Crisis hotline have changed. The updated statement can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [ASCCAS website](#).

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 MedRen 3217 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 Subcommittee, please feel free to contact Jim Fredal (faculty Chair of the Themes I Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), Liz Griffith (faculty Chair of the Lived Environments TAG; also cc'd on this email), or me.

Best,

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