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Good evening,

On Tuesday, Oct. 24th, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course proposal for Political Science 2110.

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

1. **Contingency:** The Subcommittee understands that one of the three required hours will come from recorded video lectures, and that a second hour will come from instructor/student interaction in the online discussion forums. However, the Subcommittee is unclear about the final (3rd) weekly hour of direct instruction. While the Subcommittee acknowledges that this hour *could* also come from the discussion posts if the amount of posting by students and/or the instructor response/interaction is exceptionally robust, this is not easily discernable in the syllabus. If the third hour does indeed come from the discussion posts, the Subcommittee asks that the department provide more information about the length and depth of the students' posts/responses to their classmates and the level of interaction with the posts that will be sustained by the instructor. If the third hour comes from other activities or additional lectures, the subcommittee asks that the department provide more information about those activities.
2. **Contingency:** The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee recently updated the list of required syllabus statements for all syllabi to include a new statement on religious accommodations. This new, required statement is a result of a directive by the Executive Vice President and Provost and can be found here on the [ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). The Subcommittee thanks you for replacing the Religious Accommodations current statement on pg. 23 of the syllabus with this new statement.
3. **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee recommends that the unit use the most recent version of the Student Life Disability Services Statement (syllabus, pg. 22), 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](#).
4. **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee recommends that the department clarify whether students will be required to turn in a midterm and final *paper* (as noted in the

chart on pg. 11 of the syllabus) or if they will be required to complete a midterm and final *exam* as noted on pg. 15-16 of the syllabus.

5. Note: The Subcommittee offers the friendly observation that the Curriculum Map for the World Politics BA was submitted, but it appears that this American politics course does not count toward that major. If this assumption is incorrect, the Subcommittee recommends that the department add Political Science 2110 to the World Politics major. However, if the assumption is correct, they note that future submissions need only include updated curriculum maps for the programs that could include the proposed new course.

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 PoliSci 2110 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 Amy Nathanson (faculty Chair of the SBS Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
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