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Good morning,

On Monday, April 29th, the Themes II Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World proposal for Geography 3650.

I am pleased to report that the Subcommittee has unanimously approved the request with five contingencies:

- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that the course description as found on pages 1-2 of the syllabus more explicitly make mention of how the course will connect to the GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World. While they appreciate the changes made, they believe that a stronger connection to the Theme will assist students in understanding how they can fulfill the GEN Theme ELOs.
- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty would like to see how the course is meeting GEN Theme ELOs 4.1 and 4.2 more thoroughly and explicitly throughout the course syllabus. While the ideas of diversity and justice appear to be implicitly being addressed throughout the course, they would like to see this connection made more explicit for the benefit of students.
- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty noticed that the course title appears to have changed within the course syllabus. They ask that the unit please clarify which title is correct and to either update the syllabus or curriculum.osu.edu with the appropriate title.
- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that the Religious Accommodation statement be updated within the course syllabus (as found on page 17). On March 1st, 2024, the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee updated the required statement to be in compliance with the new statement, which was provided by the Office of Undergraduate Education and vetted by the Office of Legal Affairs. Please note, the "Policy: Religious Holidays, Holy Days and Observations" link is a required element of the statement. The newly updated statement has been updated on the [syllabus elements page of the ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#).
- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that a cover letter be submitted that details all changes made as a result of their feedback.

I will return Geography 3650 to the departmental queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee's feedback.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Birgitte Soland, faculty Chair of the Theme Advisory Group: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World, Ila Nagar, faculty Chair of the Themes II Subcommittee, or me.

All my best,
Michael



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