

## Geography 3650

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Good afternoon,

On Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course proposal for Geography 3650.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with one contingency and three recommendations:

- a. **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that the department obtain a concurrence from the School of Environment and Natural Resources.
- b. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department minimize the use of acronyms (such as “DP” and “SA”) on the Course Schedule (syllabus pgs. 14-21) whenever possible, as this can sometimes be confusing for students reading the syllabus in an online format.
- c. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee suggests that the department alter either the “Grading and Instructor Response” section of the syllabus (pgs. 6-7) or the Course Schedule (syllabus pgs. 14-21), as the four “Short Essay” assignments found on the Course Schedule (Weeks 5, 9, 11, 15) do not seem to correspond to any assignment described under “Grading and Instructor Response”.
- d. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department be as specific as possible regarding how students will be graded for participation (Syllabus, pg. 7), and how that participation will be tracked.

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 Geography 3650 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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