

## EEOB 2260

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Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, Feb. 28th, the Themes I Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee and the Theme Advisory Group for Origins and Evolutions reviewed a course proposal for Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology 2260. The reviewing faculty unanimously approved the request with three recommendations and one comment:

- a. *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty note that there seem to be many opportunities to engage further with the topics put forth in ELO 3.1. Specifically, they note opportunities to directly address the time component of diversification, including the time required for speciation, the geologic time range for insects or ants in general (or a specific clade of ants), and/or a discussion of estimated divergence times within insect clades based on molecular evolutionary rates.
- b. *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty identify opportunities for this course to provide a deep and broad study of evolutionary theory and evolution as a historical process and encourage the department and the instructor to engage with this content within lectures, readings, and other course materials/activities.
- c. *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty ask that the department remove the language in the heading on pg. 9 of the syllabus referring to fees ("Course Materials, Fees, and Technologies") as, given the information listed below the heading, there do not appear to be any fees for the course.
- d. *Comment:* The reviewing faculty found this to be a compelling example of a GEN Theme: Origins and Evolutions course proposal and an excellent syllabus. As such, they ask if the department and the course creator(s) would consent to having this shared on the ASCCAS website as a sample proposal after the department has considered the reviewing faculty's recommendations. Should the department and course creator(s) be amenable, please reach out to Rachel Steele.682 to grant permission.

As a reminder, *recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught. EEOB 2260 will continue through the approval process to OAA.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the reviewing faculty, please feel free to contact Jim Fredal (faculty Chair of the Themes I Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), Meg Daly (acting faculty Chair of the Origins and Evolutions TAG; also cc'd on this email), or me.

Best,  
Rachel



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