

History 3642

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Good morning,

On Friday, March 8th, the Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course proposal for History 3642.

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

- a) **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that the department include some mention of race and ethnicity in the course description (curriculum.osu.edu under “General Information”) to help ensure that all future iterations of the course will maintain the current syllabus’ focus on the intersectional study of race, ethnicity, and gender.
- b) **Contingency:** The Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee recently (03-01-2024) updated the list of required syllabus statements for all syllabi to include a new statement on religious accommodations. The new version of this 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 adding this revised statement to your course syllabus.
- c) *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee greatly appreciates the inclusion of the supplemental document that gives details about the film paper and how it is connected to the REGD goals and ELOs. They recommend that the department consider including similar information in the syllabus (pg. 8) for all of the course’s assignments so that students better understand how the assignments are connected to the intersectional study of race, gender and ethnicity. The Subcommittee notes that there is some excellent material in the GEN Submission Form that could be easily modified/shortened for this purpose.
- d) *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends removing the D- on the grading scale and changing that letter grade to “E”, as per [Faculty Rule 3335-8-21](#) the university does not allow instructors to assign a grade of D- (syllabus, pgs. 9-10).
- e) *Comment:* The reviewing faculty offer the friendly observation that the course’s title, “Women in Modern Europe, from the 18th century to the Present: Diversity in Context” does not seem to reflect the chronological content of the course, which begins in antiquity and only covers the time period from the end of World War II to the present in one class meeting (Class #27).

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 History 3642 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 Richard Fletcher (faculty Chair of the REGD Subcommittee; cc’d on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
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