

## History 2213

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Good morning,

On Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Themes I Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee and the Theme Advisory Group for Lived Environments reviewed a course proposal for History 2213 for inclusion in the GEN Theme: Lived Environments.

The reviewing faculty unanimously approved the request with two contingencies and two recommendations:

- i) **Contingency:** Changes to University policies recently (03-01-2024) necessitated that the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee update the list of required syllabus statements for all syllabi to include a new statement on religious accommodations. The new version 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](#). While the reviewing faculty thank the department for using the new statement on pg. 10-11 of the syllabus, the link at the bottom of the statement ("Policy: Religious Holidays, Holy Days, and Observances") must be included with the statement to fully comply with the law.
- ii) **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty ask that the department amend the "Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes" on curriculum.osu.edu (under "Course Details"), as this should be a more comprehensive and detailed listing of what the department expects that students learn in the course. To that end, they note that the "Additional Goals:" on pgs. 3-4 of the syllabus have some excellent material that may be useful in fulfilling this contingency.
- iii) *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty suggest that the department review the grading scale (syllabus, pg. 8) as it is unclear whether a student who earns a 67% will receive a "D" or a "D+".
- iv) *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee/reviewing faculty recommends that the department use the most recent version of the Mental Health Statement (syllabus, pgs. 9-10), as the name and phone number of the Suicide/Crisis hotline have changed. The updated statement can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [ASCCAS website](#).

As a reminder, **contingencies** (in bold above) must be addressed and resubmitted via curriculum.osu.edu before this course can move forward in the approval process to OAA. *Recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught. I will return History 2213 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the reviewing faculty's requests.

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), Liz Griffith (faculty Chair of the Lived Environments TAG; also cc'd on this email), or me.

Best,  
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