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Subject: Astronomy 3810

Good afternoon,

On Thursday, August 29th, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course proposal for [Astronomy 3810](#).

At this time, the Subcommittee asks that the following feedback items be satisfied within a revision:

- The Subcommittee would like to see additional information surrounding the course assessments and how students will be expected to demonstrate and reflect upon the knowledge they have learned during their time within the course. While they recognize there is information underneath the “Grading and Assignments” section on page 2 of the syllabus, there is no indication on how students will be assessed. Additionally, please indicate what percentage of the course assessments students are required in order to receive the “S” mark once the corrections to the grading scale are made (if the course is, of course, graded on the S/U scheme).
- The Subcommittee would like to see additional information in the course description submitted to curriculum.osu.edu about how this course is specific to the field of Astronomy and Astrophysics. Currently, the description seems as it could apply to many disciplines, while the course content appears to be focused on material offered by the Department of Astronomy.
- The Subcommittee would like information surrounding the prerequisites of the course. They are concerned that, without prerequisites, students will enter the course without the necessary background knowledge. They recommend, perhaps, considering prerequisites that the department believes will provide students with the necessary background knowledge to be successful in the course (such as introductory science or mathematical coursework, as an example).
- The Subcommittee asks that a cover letter be submitted that details changes made as a result of their feedback.

I will return Astronomy 3810 back to the department via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address their feedback.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Christopher Hadad, faculty Chair of the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee, or me.

All my best,
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