

Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

September 18, 2024

Dear Chair and Members of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee:

On August 26, 2024, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee reviewed a request from the Center for Ethics and Human Values to approve their new undergraduate certificate in Civil Discourse for Citizenship.

This interdisciplinary certificate “provides an opportunity for students from any major to study the principles, aims, and value of civil discourse while also building the skills for engaging in it. The purpose of this program is to help future professionals and citizens appreciate civic values so they can contribute to the creation of inclusive, tolerant communities that recognize the importance of free speech and open dialogue across differences” The certificate requires 12 credits of coursework, including one required core course and 9 credits of electives from an approved list.

The SBS Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve this request with contingencies, which have since been satisfied, and the proposal is now advanced to the ASCC with a motion to approve.

Sincerely,

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Chair, ASCC Social and Behavioral Sciences Subcommittee