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## Religious Studies 3777

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Good morning,

On Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> the Themes I Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee and the Theme Advisory Group for Health and Wellbeing reviewed a new course proposal for Religious Studies 3777 to be included in the GEN Theme: Health and Wellbeing

The reviewing faculty unanimously approved the request with one comment and one recommendation:

- i. **Comment:** The reviewing faculty thank the department for a course which is well-integrated with the theme, appropriate in its depth and scope, and serves the ELOs through the course assignments, activities, and assessments.
- ii. **Recommendation:** The reviewing faculty strongly recommend that the department rephrase the statement which describes the way in which this course fits into the new General Education Curriculum (syllabus pg. 2 under “Course Goals and Expected Learning Outcomes”). Since this is a 3-credit hour course, it does not, in and of itself, “satisfy the requirements for the General Education Theme: Health and Well-Being”. As the requirement is for students to earn 4-6 credit hours in this category, stating that a single course satisfies the requirement can be confusing or misleading for students. Instead, the reviewing faculty suggest wording such as “For those students who are following the New General Education curriculum, Religious Studies 3777 is an approved course in the GEN Theme: Health and Wellbeing category”. The reviewing faculty also note that these goals are not, in fact, *course* goals and ELOs, but rather the goals and ELOs of the GE category, so they also suggest that the heading be modified to reflect this.
- iii. As a reminder, *recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught.

Religious Studies 3777 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 Ila Nagar (acting faculty Chair of the Themes I Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), Molly Downing (faculty Chair of the Health and Wellbeing TAG; also cc'd on this email) or me.

Best,  
Rachel



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