
Philosophy 2456

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Good morning,

On Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, the Arts and Humanities 2 Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal for Philosophy 2456 to be approved for distance learning.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with seven recommendations:

- a. *Recommendation:* While the Subcommittee notes and appreciates the possibility of alternative assignments for the group work, they recommend that the department provide more information on the syllabus about how the small groups (p. 5) will function. More specifically, they suggest that the department provide details about the weekly group leader role, what students will be doing in small groups, how many people will be in each group, and how the instructor will facilitate the assignment of groups whose students have compatible schedules.
 - Given the potential for coordination difficulties, the Subcommittee suggests that the department consider scheduling a synchronous meeting time for the course's small group work, thus allowing students to be aware of this requirement when enrolling in the course. However, they leave this to the discretion of the department.
- b. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department add "synchronous" or "asynchronous" to the "online" designation on the 1st page of the syllabus so that the mode of delivery is clear.
- c. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department provide information about where students can purchase the required texts (syllabus, p. 6).
- d. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee suggests that the department reconfigure the percentages of the final grade allotted to each assignment (syllabus, p. 8-9), as the current numbers add up to 110% rather than 100%.
- e. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department use the most recent version of the Diversity Statement (syllabus, pp. 16-17), which was updated in Autumn 2024 to include additional protected groups. The revised statement can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#).
- f. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department include the required links within the Religious Accommodations Statement (syllabus pp. 18-19). The statement (with these links embedded) can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#).
- g. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department use the most recent version of the Student Life Disability Services Statement (syllabus, p. 18), which was updated in August 2024. The updated statement can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#).

As a reminder, *recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught.

Philosophy 2456 will continue through the approval process to OAA.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Subcommittee, please feel free to contact Laura Podalsky (faculty Chair of the Arts & Humanities Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,

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