
Philosophy 1420

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Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, Nov. 6th, the Arts and Humanities 2 Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a request for Philosophy 1420 to be approved for Distance Learning.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with three recommendations and one comment:

- a) *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department provide information on the syllabus about the approximate length of the weekly video lectures, so that students can appropriately plan to devote the necessary time to this aspect of the course.
- b) *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department use the most recent version of the Student Life Disability Services Statement (syllabus, p. 20), 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](#).
- c) *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department make active the required links within the Religious Accommodations Statement (syllabus pp. 21-22). They note that the link to the Office of Institutional Equity and the link to the list of holidays and observances (both near the end of the statement) must be included with the statement to fully comply with the law. 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](#).
- d) *Comment:* While they are appreciative of the benefits of group work for both pedagogy and community building, the Subcommittee would like to pass on their concerns about “group work” in an online asynchronous course. Committee members who have taught in this setting have found it difficult for students and instructors to construct groups that have common meeting times available. They also note that this may be more difficult in the summer semester (which, as the proposal notes, is the impetus for this request) when students may be located in different time zones all over the globe.

Philosophy 1420 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 A & H 2 Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
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