
Russian 5011

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Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, Nov. 6th, the Arts and Humanities 2 Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course proposal for Russian 5011

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with four contingencies, two recommendations, and one comment:

- a) **Comment:** The Subcommittee offers a friendly reminder to the department that a curriculum map need only be submitted for new courses that could count toward the unit's major(s). From the statement on p. 1 of the syllabus ("It [Russian 5011] does not contribute to the credit hours of the major's language electives."), the Subcommittee assumes that this course will *not* count toward the unit's major(s). If this is correct, the curriculum map need not be re-submitted with the revision; if this is incorrect, the curriculum map should be amended to include Russian 5011 and re-submitted with the revised materials.
- a) **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that the department complete the third course goal in curriculum.osu.edu under "Course Details: Course Goals and Learning Objectives", as it is currently a fragment.
- a) **Contingency:** The Subcommittee requests that the department reconcile/clarify the credit hours for the course. In curriculum.osu.edu under "General Information: Semester Credit Hours/Units", the course is listed as a 3 CH course, but the syllabus seems to indicate a 1 CH course.
- a) **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that the department reconcile/clarify the grading scheme for the course. In curriculum.osu.edu under "Offering Information: Grading Basis" it is indicated that the course will have letter grades, but the syllabus (p. 2 under "How This Course Works") indicates that students will be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis. Furthermore, if the department does *not* intend to assign letter grades, the syllabus should say that the course is being graded "Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory" rather than "Pass/Fail", as "Pass/Fail" has a different meaning at the university.
- a) **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that the department remove the reference to "the filing of an absence report" (syllabus, p. 5), as Ohio State does not have such a form/report, and the mention of such a report may confuse students. Additionally, the Subcommittee notes that the department may wish to re-consider the course's attendance policy in light of the communication sent to instructors from the Office of Academic Affairs at the beginning of AU24, which encouraged instructors to refrain from asking students for a doctor's excuse.
- a) **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee recommends that the department use the most recent version of the Student Life Disability Services Statement (syllabus, pp. 8-9), 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](#).
- a) **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee recommends that the department use the most recent version of the Diversity Statement (syllabus, pp. 7-8), which was updated in August 2024 to

include additional protected groups. The updated statement can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#).

- a) As a reminder, **contingencies** (in bold above) must be addressed and resubmitted via curriculum.osu.edu before this course can move forward in the approval process to OAA. *Recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught. I will return Russian 5011 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee's requests.

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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