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Good afternoon,

On Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course request for Astronomy 4810.

The Subcommittee approved the request with the following feedback that they ask be addressed:

- **Comment:** Given that the title of this course is “Order of Magnitude: 2”, the Subcommittee requests that the course title for Astronomy 3810 be revised with a course change request to “Order of Magnitude: 1”, in order to reflect its place as the first course in the sequence.
- **Comment:** The Subcommittee encourages the department to critically review the syllabus to remove typing errors. The Subcommittee also recommends that the department refrain from using the term "COVID-19" in the syllabus, opting instead for simply "COVID" to ensure that the language aligns with evolving terminology. [Syllabus p. 2]
- **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that the department include a direct PDF link to *Street-Fighting Mathematics* by Sanjoy Mahajan from MIT's website in the course syllabus to streamline access for students. [Syllabus p. 2]
- **Recommendation:** The Subcommittee recommends that the department ensure that the reference to the [Office of Institutional Equity](#) in the religious accommodations statement is a hyperlink to the office's email. Additionally, the Subcommittee recommends that the department ensure that the link below works as a hyperlink in the syllabus. Please feel free to copy and paste these two links into the statement directly from the Subcommittee's feedback. Otherwise, the full statement with the links can be found in an easy to copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). [Syllabus p. 5-6]
  - **(Policy: [Religious Holidays, Holy Days and Observances](#))**

As a reminder, **contingencies** (in bold above) must be addressed and resubmitted via curriculum.osu.edu before the course can move forward in the approval process. *Recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught.

I will return Astronomy 4810 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee's requests.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Hadad (faculty Chair of

the NMS Subcommittee, cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,  
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