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Good morning,

On Wednesday, January 22nd, the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course request for Microbiology 5130.

At this time, the Subcommittee declined to vote on the proposal and would like to see the following feedback items addressed:

- The Subcommittee asks that a statement be developed and included within the course syllabus that discusses any software that may be required for students to be successful within this course. They are concerned that there may be an expectation of students to utilize software applications that either students may be unfamiliar/untrained with or could incur additional costs. Since this course will be enrolled by undergraduate and graduate students, such minimum expectations will be critical to ensure student success, especially for graduate students who come from other institutions.
- The Subcommittee asks that the course proposer consider adding flexibility into the late policy for homework assignments (as discussed on page 3 of the syllabus). They kindly note that it may be possible for a student to have a potentially excusable absence which they are unable to report to the course instructor ahead of time.
- The Subcommittee notes that the course grading scale includes grades of “A+, D-, and F”. The Ohio State University does not officially award letter grades of “A+”, “D-”, or “F”. They ask that the grading scale be adjusted to remove “A+” and “D-”, and to change “F” to “E”.
- The Subcommittee recommends updating the Diversity statement, as found on page 9 of the course syllabus. This statement was updated for the 2024-2025 academic year and can be found on the [ASC Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#).

I will return Microbiology 5130 to the departmental queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the feedback above.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Christopher Hadad, faculty Chair of the Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee, or me.

All my best,
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