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Good morning,

On Monday, March 17th, the Themes 1 Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee and the Theme Advisory Group for Lived Environments reviewed a GEN Theme: Lived Environments request for Russian 3360.

I am pleased to report that the reviewing faculty approved the request with the following feedback:

- Comment: The reviewing faculty express strong enthusiasm for the focus and scope of this course. Given their background in the natural sciences, they recognize potential for future collaborative efforts that embrace ideas such as ecological uncertainty, global environmental comparisons, contemporary environmental activism, and modern Russian environmental policies. Additionally, the reviewing faculty wish to highlight that there is potential for a companion course that explores how these arts have engaged with state-driven transformations of Russia's natural environment.
- Comment: Given the substantial writing requirements of the course, it may be beneficial to provide additional resources or support for students who may not have had previous writing instruction.
- **Contingency:** The reviewing faculty note that the reflection assignment is integrated into the final project, yet the specific weight of the assignment within the overall grading structure is unclear. Since this assignment is tied to the fulfillment of Theme ELO 2.2, the reviewing faculty request that the syllabus outline its contribution to the final grade. Additionally, it should be clarified that completion of the reflection assignment is mandatory even if it does not carry substantial weight individually. [Syllabus p. 1, 9]
- *Recommendation:* The reviewing faculty note that the department has replaced certain language in GEN Theme Goal 1 with the Theme name, "Lived Environments." The reviewing faculty recommend that the department retain the original language of the Theme Goals and Expected Learning Outcomes as they appear on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). [Syllabus p. 4]

The reviewing faculty request that changes made as a result of this feedback be highlighted in the syllabus or detailed in a cover letter when a revision is submitted.

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. *Recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught.

I will return Russian 3360 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the above feedback.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the reviewing faculty, please feel free to contact Harald Vaessin (faculty Chair of the Themes 1 Subcommittee), Brian Lower (faculty Chair of the Theme Advisory Group: Lived Environments), or me.

Best,
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