
History 3190

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Good afternoon,

On Friday, February 21st, the Arts and Humanities 2 Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course proposal for History 3190.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with four recommendations:

1. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department adjust the points listed on p. 6 of the syllabus, as the points for each Graded Assignment in the first table add up to 100, but the points for the Course Grade in the second table add up to 1000, which could cause confusion for students.
2. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department use an alternative to the title "Optional Assignments" (such as "Elective Assignments" or similar) so that students are aware that completing some of these assignments is a requirement of the course.
3. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee strongly suggests that the department provide a short explanation of the Optional Assignments on the syllabus that includes information regarding what the instructor hopes students will gain from these assignments, the rationale behind providing a list of options rather than strict requirements for students, and whether there will be any unifying element(s) (such as a reflection or proof of attendance) that will be required regardless of the activity the student chooses.
4. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the department expand the course calendar to provide additional details about required readings/viewings/activities for each week so that students can plan their time accordingly.

As a reminder, *recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught. History 3190 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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