

## **Ethnic Studies 2625**

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Good afternoon,

On Wednesday, April 30th, the Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity Subcommittee of the ASCC Curriculum Committee reviewed a proposal for Ethnic Studies 2625 to be included in the GEN Foundation: Race, Ethnicity and Gender Diversity category.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with one recommendation and one comment:

- a. *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that all courses seeking approval in the GEN Foundations: REGD category include in the syllabus a Land Acknowledgement. Currently The Ohio State University does not have an official land acknowledgement statement, but information about the purpose of such a statement and further resources and action steps can be found <a href="https://example.com/here-new-market-new-
- b. Comment: The Subcommittee commends the center for this excellent course proposal. As the center prepares to teach the course, the Subcommittee offers the friendly suggestion that the inclusion of weekly topics or central questions in the Course Schedule (syllabus pp. 8-11) could help students to focus their reading and class preparation. They note that this may be one way to share with students some of the excellent material in the GEN Submission Form.
- As a reminder, recommendations (in italics above) can be implemented when the course is next taught.

Ethnic Studies 2625 will continue through the approval process to OAA.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Subcommittee, please feel free to contact Richard Finlay Fletcher (faculty Chair of the REGD Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best, Rachel



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