
CompSt/AAAS/WGSS 2006

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Good afternoon,

On Tuesday, May 13th, the Arts and Humanities 1 Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a new course proposal for AAAS/CompSt/WGSS 2006.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with one contingency, three recommendations, and two comments:

- a) Comment: When the course is taught, the Subcommittee encourages the departments to revisit the information in the syllabus pertaining to the Civics requirement, confirming it is up-to-date and aligned with University policy at that time.
- b) Comment: In addition to the comment above, the Subcommittee notes that the Department of Comparative Studies and the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies have included curriculum maps to their proposals, demonstrating that this course may be used as an elective on their majors. Depending on how the conversations surrounding this course evolve, there may be several different advantages and/or disadvantages to allowing this course to count in the major. Should the departments have questions, they are welcome to reach out to Rachel Steele.682 or Bernadette Vankeerbergen.1.
- c) **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that the departments indicate the intended number of contact hours in the syllabus. This can be done either by inserting a hypothetical day/time schedule appropriate for a 3 CH in-person course class (e.g. TTh, 11:10-12:30) in the heading, or by using a credit-hour statement that outlines how long students should expect to spend in class and on out-of-class assignments each week.
- d) *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the departments consider re-arranging the due dates for the writing assignments to more evenly distribute the workload across the semester (Course Schedule, pp. 6-10). For example, they observe that Reflection #2 and Essay #4 are due on the same day (Week Fifteen) but there is nothing due during Week Fourteen.
- e) *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the departments remove the course developers' comments from the syllabus (p. 10).
- f) *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee suggests that the departments amend the required links within the Religious Accommodations Statement (syllabus pp. 2-3). They note that the Office of Institutional Equity is now closed, and students should now be directed to the Civil Rights Compliance Office. The statement (with the links embedded) can be found in an easy-to-copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#).

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 to OAA. *Recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught. I will return AAAS/CompSt/WGSS 2006 to the departments' queues via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee's requests.

Should you have any questions about the feedback of the Subcommittee, please feel free to contact Tom Dugdale (faculty Chair of the A&H 1 Subcommittee; cc'd on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
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