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Good morning,

On Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Arts and Humanities Subcommittee 1 of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course change request for History 2025.

The Subcommittee approved the request with the following feedback:

- **Contingency:** The Subcommittee requests that the department provide context as to why this course is now a better fit at the 2000 level. Considering that this course was originally approved at the 3000-level and no changes were made to the syllabus, the workload appears heavy for a 2000-level course.
- *Recommendation:* The Subcommittee recommends that the instructor reconsider the Northwest Ordinance Symposium assignment. The requirement for students to attend a session of the symposium may not be sustainable, as this opportunity is only possible when Ohio State hosts the event. Additionally, the requirement positions the course more as an upper-division experience.
- *Recommendation:* Instructors are welcome to include any standard and/or recommended syllabus statements found on the [Office of Undergraduate Education's webpage](#) which they deem relevant for their course. Please refer to this page to ensure that the statements on Diversity and Violence and Sexual Harassment on pp. 19-20 of the syllabus (now to be replaced with the statement on “Creating an Environment Free from Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct”) and all other statements are current and accurate.
- *Comment:* The Subcommittee notes the inclusion of a Land Acknowledgment in the syllabus (p. 20). As of 06/27/2025, Land Acknowledgments are no longer permissible on official university documents (including most syllabi) per the university’s SB1 Compliance website. The course instructor(s) should consult with their TIU director/chair regarding whether this statement may be included within the syllabus.

As a reminder, **contingencies** (in bold above) must be addressed and resubmitted via curriculum.osu.edu before a course can move forward in the approval process. *Recommendations* (in italics above) should be implemented when the course is next taught.

I will return History 2025 to the department queue via curriculum.osu.edu in order to address the Subcommittee’s requests.

Should you have any questions about the feedback, please do not hesitate to reach out to Dave Hedgecoth (faculty Chair of the A&H1 Subcommittee) or me.

Best,  
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