
Civics, Law, and Leadership 3560

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Good afternoon,

On Thursday, September 18, the Themes II Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course proposal for Civics, Law, and Leadership 3560 to be included in the GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World.

The Subcommittee voted "no" on the proposal with the following comments:

- a) The Subcommittee does not believe that the course, in its current form, is appropriate for the GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World. They find that the course is strongly focused on case studies of leadership (with very limited attention to the Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World theme), rather than being a Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World course that views the theme's content through the lens of leadership. Furthermore, they do not find the course to be "advanced and in-depth", and they do not believe that it features opportunities for "critical and logical thinking about the topic or idea of the theme", "synthesiz[ing] approaches", or "scholarly exploration".
- b) Should the Center wish to undertake a comprehensive redesign of the course in the future, the Subcommittee offers the following logistical notes on the course:
 - i) The Subcommittee asks that the Center remove references to additional requirements for Honors students (pp. 1, 2, 4, 6, etc.), as the course does not currently have an approved Honors Embedded version.
 - ii) The Subcommittee asks that the Center re-phrase the statement which describes the way in which this course fits into the new General Education Curriculum (syllabus pg. 2). Since this is a 3-credit hour course, it does not, in and of itself, "fulfill" the General Education Theme. Since the requirement is for students to earn 4-6 credit hours in this category, stating that a single course fulfills the requirement can be confusing or misleading for students. Instead, the reviewing faculty suggest wording such as "Civics, Law, and Leadership 3560" is an approved course in the GEN Theme: Citizenship for a Diverse and Just World category".

Therefore, the reviewing faculty respectfully return this proposal to the unit so they may cancel the GEN portion of the request in curriculum.osu.edu, and they thank the Center for their time in submitting this proposal.

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

Best,
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