
African American and African Studies/Religious Studies 4343

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Good afternoon,

On Thursday, October 30th, the Themes I Subcommittee of the ASC Curriculum Committee reviewed a course proposal for African American and African Studies/Religious Studies 4343 to be included in the GEN Theme: Traditions, Cultures, and Transformations category.

The Subcommittee unanimously approved the request with one contingency:

- a) **Contingency:** The Subcommittee asks that the unit provide additional detail in the syllabus and the GEN form regarding how the Theme is the central focus of the course. Specifically, they would like to see that tradition, culture, and transformation are an intrinsic part of the descriptions of major course assignments (syllabus pp. 1-2). The Subcommittee requests that this additional detail include a sample of the prompts/questions for the journal entries and more information about how the instructor of the course will ensure that the topic of the research paper is entwined with the Theme. The Subcommittee offers the friendly advice that the units may wish to consider how a student, looking at the syllabus, would see the Theme “signposted” in these assignment descriptions.

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. I will return AAAS/RelSt 4343 to the department queue 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 Philip Tuxbury-Gleissner (faculty Chair of the Themes I Subcommittee; cc’d on this e-mail), or me.

Best,
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