

Historical Awareness Subcommittee Report

Date: 8/30/18

To: General Studies Council

From: Historical Awareness Subcommittee

Julie Holston, Chair

Jason Bruner

Manisha Master

Matt Simonton

Re: Recommendations for Course Proposals (H designation)

Recommend for Approval

From ASU: (none)

From MCCCDC: (none)

Recommend for Revise/Resubmit

From ASU:

JUS 355 Human Rights Organizations and Institutions

Rationale: The application has been revised to include a justification for Criterion 2, which was omitted from the original submission and necessitated the Revise/Resubmit determination at the 11/30/17 GSC meeting. Upon giving the course a full review, it appears that the purpose of the course is to explore various thematic issues pertaining to human rights organizations and institutions, rather than to historically investigate their development. The committee has concerns that while some of the weekly topics and discussion questions are historically oriented, the assignments throughout the course do not seem to require systematic historical examination from the students, and the final project does not appear to assess historical knowledge. The Historical Awareness designation requires that systematic historical analysis be embedded in the core of the syllabus, including readings and assignments; therefore, a Revise/Resubmit is in order.

From MCCCDC: (none)