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To: General Studies Council

From: *Humanities, Arts and Design Subcommittee*

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Re: Recommendations for Course Proposals for HU designation

Course Recommendations

Approve for HU designation:

From ASU:

HST 302 Studies in History (The Communist Experience in the 20th Century) (new topic)
HST 306 American Political Conspiracy (mandatory review topic)
SLS 202 Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory (new)

Revise & Resubmit:

HST 303 Film and Politics in Colonial Asia (mandatory review topic)

Rationale: The class is basically quizzes and discussion board posts. The assignments do not clearly meet Criteria 2. The students may watch films, but we don't see instances when students actually engage in interpretive acts. It really could be that the course does some good interpretive work, but we just can't seem to find it in the syllabus.

HST 306 Debating the Constitution (mandatory review topic)

Rationale: The course certainly reviews historical documents and will situate those documents in their historical context, but the course is mostly history. We don't see much attention paid to philosophies or belief systems. The syllabus and course description really look like a history course more than anything else. The students learn about individual court cases and how it relates to the constitution, but there's not enough for us to see if the course goes beyond just dates and historical facts, rather than critical or philosophical analysis.