

Historical Awareness Subcommittee Report

Date: 10/28/2021

To: General Studies Council

From: **Historical Awareness Subcommittee**

Sharon Chanley, Member

David Corlett, Chair

Matt Simonton, Member

Re: Recommendations for Course Proposals (H designation)

Recommend for Approval

From ASU: (none)

From MCCCCD: (none)

Recommend for Revise/Resubmit

From ASU: (none)

From MCCCCD: (none)

Recommend for Deny

From ASU: ASM 450 Bioarchaeology

- **Rationale:** This is an intriguing and important course that introduces students to the tools of bioarchaeology. However, it is not a course about a “sequence of past events or a narrative whose intent or effect is to represent both the relationship between events and change over time.” The course addresses and meets criteria 1 with an examination of things in the past (lived experience, death, etc.). It also addressed criteria 4 in that elements of peoples’ lives (interment, circumstances of life and death revealing much about ancient societies). However, other criteria are not met and are not apparent in the course readings or materials. The thematic approach and snapshots of life and belief do not allow for a narrative of how the people and their societies changed over time—we do not see the sustained change within a particular society.

From MCCCCD: (none)