Feedback – New course approval

Department of Anthropology

“The course looks to be an interesting addition to the curriculum.  Anthropology has no objection.” 1/16/2018

Department of Sociology

“I have looked at the syllabus of the new course proposed by a Political Science faculty and my preliminary conclusion is that, while there is some overlap, the majority of the course seems to differ from my course.  The material that seems to overlap deals with politics over environmental issues and government's environmental policies.  I also briefly discuss environmental treaties like the Kyoto Protocol or the Paris agreement that are part of the proposed poli sci course.  Also, I do discuss economic globalization, and climate change both of which are listed in the poli sci course syllabus.  However, there are many different ways to approach these subjects and since I am not familiar with the specific readings used to cover these themes in the poli sci course, I am not sure how much overlap there is.  Substantively, I focus on specific environmental issues that are not part of the poli sci course:  the development of environmental sociology, sociological discourses that link social social and natural sciences like critical realism, energy and its social, economic, and environmental importance, political economy of food production, its social, health, and environmental consequences, global population issues and their environmental consequences,  the role of culture in shaping attitudes and behavior that have environmental consequences, the ideologies of the environmental movement, radical environmentalism, etc.  So, the majority of my course covers themes and issues not covered by the poli sci course.  In addition the assignments that both courses deploy tend to different substantially in terms of themes and form.” 1/17/2018

Department of History

“Nothing looks like it would overlap with anything we offer that I know of. Hard to tell exactly what she’s covering from the schedule, but it all looks present-day and would probably be a good complement to our courses, not competition. Certainly would be a good class for building the college’s strengths in environmental studies.” 1/17/2018

“I concur. Have read at least one of the texts and it is good. Very poli-Science not History.” 1/17/2018

Department of Geosciences

“Your course syllabus was passed on to our faculty and there were no concerns regarding the course from Geosciences.” 1/22/2018