

HENDRIX

PROPOSED COURSE ADDITION OR REVISION

Deadline for Area approval: 21 October 2011

Proposer: Aleksandra Pfau

Department/Program: History

Check appropriate boxes:

- ☒ New permanent course
☐ Replaces existing course:
☐ Change to existing course:

Date: 9/12/11

Area: Social Sciences

- ☐ New temporary course
☐ Make temporary course permanent
☐ Eliminate a course

Proposal – one sentence summary:

This course will look at case studies of the response to epidemic diseases in different times and places.

Proposed subject code(s) (indicate both if cross-listing): HIST

Proposed course # or level: ~~3xx~~ 339

Proposed course title: Epidemics and Society

Proposed course catalog copy:

This course will use case studies of particular epidemics in order to consider how different cultures have responded to disease. While the course will discuss the epidemiology of these diseases, the main focus will be on medical, political, social, and cultural responses to disease and how these changed over time.

Prerequisites/co-requisites and/or recommended prior courses, as listed in catalog copy:

How will the proposed revision affect any catalog lists of options for majors or minors?

It will become one of the options for the Medical Humanities Minor (if the minor is adopted).

Rationale for course within departmental and collegiate context and based on assessment results:

This course will add to the 300-level offerings in the History department, which has recently added a requirement that majors take 5 300-level courses. It will also be counted towards the Medical Humanities Minor. There has been a lot of interest in History 227: Medicine and Disease in Premodern Europe, and student evaluations for that course have requested more focus on disease. This course will provide a forum for those students who are interested in thinking more about the ways that different societies have approached diseases in the past.

Proposed general education code(s) (check all that apply):

- ☐ EA ☒ HP ☐ LS ☐ NS ☐ NS-L ☐ SB ☐ VA ☐ QS ☐ W1 ☐ FL [Curriculum Committee]
☐ CW [CW Committee] ☐ W2 [Writing Across the Curriculum Committee]

Proposed Odyssey code(s) (check all that apply):

- ☐ AC ☐ GA ☐ PL ☐ SW ☐ UR ☐ SP [CEL Committee/Curriculum Committee]

For each of the checked general education or Odyssey codes, describe how the course fulfills the published criteria (see the Catalog, pages 18-23 or the Odyssey Program Guide, pages 10-16):

This course looks at the ways different cultures have responded to disease over time.

Justification for cross-listing:

How often will the course be offered? Every other year.

Who will teach the course? Aleksandra Pfau

Equipment, supply, and bibliographic requirements (items and cost):

Will the above items be covered by a present budget? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Approval Chain (type name and date of approval)

Department chair: Skok, 10/7/11

Area chair: Allison K. Shutt, 10/12/11