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ENG 2531/4531

Marriage, Love and Romance in American History and Movies (fall 2015)

General:

This was the first time the course was offered. Overall, it was an excellent course. However, there are a few things that need to be adjusted before the next offering.

Plusses:

- There was good enrollment and very few students dropped the class.
- Attendance was good (and required).
- Several Exchange students took the class. This added to the discussion in exciting ways. In particular, an American female student contributed greatly.
- For a course that considers gender, the number of male students was much higher than usually occurs. In particular, one of the male students was a very active participant in discussions and brought out excellent questions and comparisons.
- The grade spread for both courses was within the range one would expect. The largest percentage of exams fell between B and C, with a very small number of A's and a few D's and E's. No Failures.

Need to adjust:

- The pensum was too large and diffuse. I will be cutting some items.
- I will cut the number of films too, in order to make more discussion possible.
- In particular, I will be cutting the group work pensum as there was not time to deal with it. I would have needed to do a lot of prep work on that part of the plan. This arose because the reference book only arrived in the library as the course began, so I could not go through it thoroughly. Students in the survey noted this as well. I had the same feeling also.

Regarding other student comments (survey)

- In both courses, the respondents admitted to not spending a significant amount of time on the course.
- The exam requirements were written on the syllabus, handed out the first day of class and available on Fronter all semester. The student who thought that was unclear should have looked at the syllabus.
- The exam formats work well, with MA and BA students having different requirements. I ran through sample questions and study procedures in class.