

Directions for Completing Proposal for First Year Seminar
For Academic Year 2010-2011

The following information should be included in your proposal for a First Year Seminar. Deadline for applications is Friday, December 4, 2009. Please note there are two parts to the application.

Part I – Proposal (submit electronically to tassonjp@muohio.edu)

1. Your name and department
2. Title of FYS
3. Proposed Miami Plan Foundation area (see cover sheet, below, for categories)
4. If the proposed course emphasizes a global or international theme, please describe.
5. Provide a 100-word description of the course that can be used for advertising it to students.
6. a) Describe the student learning outcomes for each of the four Miami Plan principles (critical thinking, understanding contexts, engaging with other learners, and reflecting and acting) you expect students to accomplish by completing the seminar. Examples of appropriate student learning outcomes can be found at www.muohio.edu/led and follow the links to “new course proposal forms”; they are at the bottom of the page. b) For each outcome, give one example of an assignment, class activity, or other method that you use to help students meet the specified outcome.
7. Describe innovative instructional practices that you will design into the course to involve students in active learning.
8. During the semester in which you would be teaching this course, will you participate in a teacher’s studio with other faculty teaching first-year seminars? The studio includes an opening workshop devoted to discussing syllabi and pedagogical aims related to liberal education. The studio will also meet for 1-hour long sessions 5 times during the semester to reflect on the courses’ progress and generate materials and points of discussion relevant to other students and faculty involved with the FYS program. Studio participants will each receive \$500 in professional development funding. (Participation in the studio is voluntary.)
9. Please include any additional information that you feel will help the reviewers better understand your proposed course or that may help them in their evaluation.

Part II – Cover Sheet and Signatures-Complete the cover sheet below and obtain appropriate signatures from your department chair and dean. Send the cover sheet only via campus mail to John Tassoni, Office of Liberal Education, 229 Culler, by the deadline.

2009-2010 First Year Seminar Cover Sheet

(send this form via campus mail to John Tassoni, Office of Liberal Education, 229 Culler;
send proposal electronically to tassonjp@muohio.edu)

Name _____

Department _____ email _____

Campus Phone _____

Title of proposed seminar _____

International/Global focus? YES/NO

Suggested Miami Plan Foundation Area (check one):

FDTN I English Comp

FDTN III

FND V Mth, Formal
Rsnsg, Tech

FDTN II

US Cultures

World Cultures

Fine Arts

Humanities

FND IV

Social Science

Laboratory

Biological Science

Physical Science

Preferred terms to teach the seminar:

FALL

SPRING

UNSURE

Your Signature:

I agree to teach this seminar at least once during the 2009-2010 academic year. I further understand that to have access to my profession spending account of \$500, I must attend the workshop and participate in group meetings during the semesters I teach the course.

_____ Date _____

Department Chair's Signature:

I agree that the department will allow the faculty member to teach the First Year Seminar at least once during the 2010-2011 academic year. Departments will be reimbursed \$2400 per seminar if the faculty member is being released from other teaching duties.

_____ Date _____

Dean's Signature:

_____ Date _____