Call for Applicants - University Course

The Center for Faculty Development and Excellence (CFDE) invites faculty applications suggesting topics for a University Course.

The University Course is a new curricular structure supported by the CFDE to encourage a multidisciplinary examination of issues and topics of interest to faculty and students from across the university.

The goal for this course is to focus the many intellectual perspectives and resources of Emory on the study of important topics and to enact a sense of common purpose across the diverse communities at Emory. Students from throughout the university will be able to register for this course. CFDE will assist with course development and registration and identify possible collaborators in other schools.

The University Course has been offered twice in the past. The most recent was focused on HIV/AIDS and was entitled “Viral Cultures: HIV/AIDS in Global, Academic, and Cultural Contexts.” For more information go to: http://www.cfde.emory.edu/univcourse/index.html and http://viralcultures.wordpress.com/

The focus of the first was substance abuse/drug addiction (specifically the meth epidemic in the U.S.) with a focus on Nick Reding’s book Methland. For more information go to: http://www.cfde.emory.edu/univcourse/univcourse11/index.html

Any and all proposed topics will be considered but they should be broad enough that they can be approached from a variety of schools and disciplines. Representation from at least four of the schools at Emory in both the faculty and students is desired.

Course Structure

1. Any course structure appropriate to the topic is will be considered. Historically, the course has met as a seminar once a week for three hours. Other class formats will be considered.

2. It is recommended that there will be multiple guest presenters in the class providing diverse disciplinary perspectives on the topic. In previous courses, there have been 10-25 distinguished Emory faculty members presenting in at least one class during the semester. At least one, and preferably all, of the course conveners should attend each class session throughout the semester.

3. CFDE will provide a modest budget for this course of $2000. The funds are meant to cover stipends for conveners, guest lecturers and any outside speakers you may invite to
participate. CFDE does not provide funding for faculty course releases. Many departments will allow for this course to count as part of a faculty member’s normal teaching load since the course will be available to students in their home department.

Please email a 1-2 page summary to dtroka@emory.edu that outlines the following:

- Your topic and justification for its relevance as a University Course
- A rough sketch of topics and perspectives you will cover during the class
- Names and school/departmental affiliations of faculty you have identified that are interested in participating as guest lecturers

Please also include in your proposal your name, rank, department, and contact information.

**Applications to teach a University Course in Spring 2013 are due Friday, June 29, 2012.**
**Applications to teach a University Course in Fall 2013 are due Friday, September 28, 2012.**

Please direct any questions you have about this proposal to Dr. Donna Troka, Associate Director of CFDE, at dtroka@emory.edu