Center for Distance and Online Learning
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Special Online Course Development Grant in the Humanities and Social Sciences

The Center for Distance and Online Learning in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has established a special online course development grant competition with the goal of converting up to nine undergraduate courses in the humanities, communications, and social sciences to an online format for asynchronous delivery. We believe that this course delivery option will serve the increasingly diverse needs of Iowa State’s student, whether enrolled on campus or at a distance.

Proposals will be accepted for conversion to online delivery of a currently offered undergraduate course at the 300 or 400 level that fulfills the college’s general education requirement in either the arts and humanities, communications, or social sciences. The course should have minimal prerequisites and be open to students outside the major.

The college will provide $6,000 (based on a 3-credit course) to the department for course development and faculty support. The department will have up to one year to make the conversion to asynchronous delivery. Departments will agree to offer the course once a year (primarily during fall or spring) for a three-year period in order to satisfy the grant.

Proposals must contain the following information:
- Course to be converted to an online, asynchronous delivery format
- Course description and prerequisites
- Potential audience to be served
- Proposed course rotation plan
- Instructor name, rank, department, and contact information
- A description of the type of assistance requested from the LAS Center for Distance and Online Learning
- Letter of support from the department/program chair

Proposals may be submitted via email to shenze@iastate.edu. Questions should be directed to Dawn Bratsch-Prince at deprince@iastate.edu or 294-7740.

Deadline for proposal submission is Monday, September 28, 2009.