

# PROPOSAL FOR A UNIVERSITY STUDIES CORE OR ELECTIVE COURSE

(Application Form Template)

## University Studies Thematic Category:

Please Select a University Studies Thematic Category from the list below:

(You may select more than one category.)

1. Oral and Written Communication
2. Scientific Inquiry, Methodologies, and Quantitative Skills
3. World's Historical, Literary, and Philosophical Traditions
4. Global Awareness, Cultural Diversity, and the World's Artistic Traditions
5. Social and Self-Awareness and Responsible Citizenship
6. University Studies Approved Electives

**Course Prefix & Number:**

**Course Title:**

**Course Credit Hours:**

**Catalog Course Description:**

**Course Objectives:**

**Course Syllabus:**

**First & Last Name of Contact Person:**

**Department:**

**Phone Number:**

**murraystate E-mail:**

## **Before responding to the prompts below, please reflect upon the University Studies Mission Statement:**

The University Studies component of the Murray State University undergraduate program aims to provide students with a broad-based, liberal arts and sciences education and a foundation for their academic specialty. University Studies courses should: develop students' communication skills; encourage students to think creatively while gathering, analyzing, and evaluating information to reach logical decisions; and familiarize students with the roles and applications of science and technology toward resolving problems in an ever-changing world. Furthermore, students will gain a critical understanding of the world's historical, literary, philosophical, and artistic traditions. Within this broad context, students will come to understand the dynamics of cultural diversity, of competing economic and political systems, of social responsibility and of complex moral and ethical issues.

- 1. Why are the skills and content of this course important for MSU students outside your discipline? (150 word limit)**
- 2. How does this course facilitate the development of the Characteristics of the MSU Graduate as related to the thematic category you selected above? Please be sure to include the number of each characteristic. (150 word limit)**

*Characteristics of the MSU Graduate:*

1. Engage in mature, independent, and creative thought and express that thought effectively in oral and written communication;
2. Understand and apply the critical and scientific methodologies that academic disciplines employ to discover knowledge and ascertain its validity;
3. Apply sound standards of information gathering, analysis, and evaluation to reach logical decisions;
4. Understand the roles and applications of science and technology in the solution of the problems of a changing world;
5. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the world's historical, literary, philosophical, and artistic traditions;
6. Understand the dynamics of cultural diversity, of competing economic and political systems, and of complex moral and ethical issues;
7. Understand the importance of and engage in ethical behavior and responsible citizenship;
8. Understand the importance of the behaviors necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle;
9. Demonstrate mastery of a chosen field of study, and
10. Value intellectual pursuit and continuous learning in a changing world.

- 3. List specific instructional strategies or course activities that engage students in the learning process (e.g., real-life application, group work, discussions, projects, student use of technology, presentations, etc.), and promote students' content knowledge and skills development (e.g., critical thinking, problem-solving, issue-oriented, relevance, interdisciplinary, communication, culturally diverse perspectives, discipline-specific technology, etc.) (250 word limit)**

Please note: Additional information may be requested and at some point in the future you may be asked to provide specific information on student-outcomes assessment.