

**University Studies  
North Carolina A&T State University**

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**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**University Studies Pilot Course Offerings  
Spring 2005**

You are invited to submit an interdisciplinary course development proposal to support the new vision of the General Education core curriculum. Approximately 30 proposals will be selected. The instructors of selected proposals will receive release time or a stipend during Spring 2005.

**General Proposal Instructions:**

Proposals should be no more than five pages long (Times New Roman 12 point font, 1 inch margins) and should be sent as an e-mail attachment to [sarin@ncat.edu](mailto:sarin@ncat.edu). Applicants will participate in a formative review/resubmission process before final pilot course selections are made. The proposals will initially be reviewed by the executive committee of the General Education Curriculum Review and Revision Committee. Once reviewed, applicants will be given written feedback on their proposals and invited to participate in a proposal meeting/workshop aimed at providing critical feedback. Revised proposals will be due one week later. After pilot courses are selected, participants will be expected to participate in an additional course development workshop prior to the start of the course.

**Schedule:**

Course proposals due:	October 1, 2004
Proposals reviewed:	October 2 – October 15, 2004
Proposal feedback meeting/workshop:	October 19, 2004, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., 304 Dowdy
Revised course proposals due:	October 26, 2004
Course selection/notification:	November 2, 2004
Course development workshop:	November, 2004 (specific date to be determined)

**Things to Consider when Preparing your Proposal:**

The proposals should directly address the following questions:

- **How will you align your course with the new general education vision?**

The mission statement for the new university studies curriculum states: *The general education core curriculum at North Carolina A&T State University provides a foundation for continuing academic development and life-long learning through a framework of discovery, inquiry, analysis, and application.*

The current draft of the proposed university studies curriculum structure, mission statement, guiding principles, and learning objectives are available at:

<http://www.ncat.edu/~simkinss/gened/genedmission-march252004.pdf>  
<http://www.ncat.edu/~simkinss/gened/unst-currstructure-092004.pdf>

Additional background material on the university studies revision process is available at:  
<http://www.ncat.edu/~simkinss/gened/genedreports.html>

- **How will you introduce students to the interdisciplinary nature of knowledge and learning?**

For background material, see

[http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/LiberalEducation/integrative\\_learning.htm](http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/LiberalEducation/integrative_learning.htm)  
<http://0-152.8.104.106.sheba.ncat.edu/atl/pods/Interdisciplinary%20Teaching%20&%20Learning.htm>

- **How will you assess student learning outcomes throughout the course?**

For background material, see

<http://honolulu.hawaii.edu/intranet/committees/FacDevCom/guidebk/teachtip/assess-1.htm>  
<http://honolulu.hawaii.edu/intranet/committees/FacDevCom/guidebk/teachtip/assess-2.htm>

Proposals jointly developed by faculty in different disciplines, which link several courses into thematic clusters, will receive priority consideration. Examples of thematic clusters might include: Science, Society and Global Catastrophes; Leadership and Entrepreneurship; Energy and the Environment; Religion, Politics, and Social Change. Be creative! In addition, we also strongly encourage applicants to consider team-taught courses.

If selected, you will be expected to submit a report that will be disseminated to the University faculty. In addition, selected faculty must agree to participate in ongoing faculty development workshops focused on strengthening pedagogy, assessment, and collaboration among the pilot courses.

Questions regarding the proposal process should be directed to Sanjiv Sarin ([sarin@ncat.edu](mailto:sarin@ncat.edu)) or Bob Davis ([davisbob@ncat.edu](mailto:davisbob@ncat.edu)), co-chairs of the General Education Curriculum Review and Revision Committee.