

MUSE Seminars, Fall 2023

Call for Proposals

DEADLINE: Monday, February 6 at 5:00 p.m.

MUSE – My U Signature Experience – allows students to develop meaningful connections with the University community. The Office of Undergraduate Studies invites faculty to submit proposals for MUSE Seminars – MUSE 1850 – for Fall 2023.

MUSE Seminars are a one-credit course intended for students in the first sixty credit hours of their undergraduate experience. Each course explores a different and timely topic chosen by the professor. They offer a great way to join the U's collective intellectual life, participate in academic conversation as a medium of learning, exchange different perspectives, and develop a stronger sense of belonging with peers, professors, and the university community.

Capped at 15 students, MUSE Seminars are on a credit/no credit basis with the focus on participation and require no grading.

We invite seminar proposals from tenure-line and career-line faculty for Fall 2023 seminars. Each 80-minute, one-credit seminar will provide the professor with one payment of additional compensation in the amount of \$3,000.

If you are interested in proposing a MUSE seminar for Fall 2023, please submit the following materials to Natasha Seegert, Assistant Dean for the U Experience, by **Monday, February 6 at 5:00 p.m.:** n.seegert@utah.edu

- A course title for your proposed one-credit seminar.
- Course description that provides students with a clear understanding of what the seminar will address (80-150 words).
- An explanation of how the course will help students develop connections with their peers, faculty, and the U; and will improve their skills as participants in academic and higher-educational discourse (100-300 words).

Proposals will be reviewed by the Office of Undergraduate Studies to determine which seminar topics are the most viable, align most effectively with our core mission and the program goals for the MUSE program, and have the broadest or most meaningful student impact.

We will announce Fall Seminars by March 6, 2023.

MUSE Seminar Faculty Expectations:

1. Meet weekly for 80 minutes with enrolled students for the duration of the Fall 2023 term, which begins on August 21, 2023, and ends on December 7, 2023, observing holidays and University closures;
2. Meet virtually with enrolled students if an in-person meeting is impossible due to environmental or public health conditions;
3. Create and distribute a syllabus that defines expectations for enrolled students, remembering this participation is the primary requirement for courses graded on a credit/no credit basis;
4. Require each enrolled student to complete a reflective piece at the end of the term that results in an artifact. The format is to be determined by each faculty member and can be oral, written, or visual;
5. Make reasonable efforts to incorporate defined learning outcomes into coursework and discussions throughout the term, remembering that one of the learning outcomes needs to be as follows: Students will strengthen connections with their peers, faculty, and the U;
6. Distribute a pre-designed Qualtrics survey link to students prior to the end of the term and encourage them to complete the survey.
7. Complete a personal reflection at the end of the semester that results in an artifact.
8. Attend a faculty debriefing at the end of the semester.

In return, Undergraduate Studies will:

1. Schedule the course based on the availability of the professor.
2. Make reasonable efforts to promote the course to students.
3. Provide the professor with one payment of additional compensation in the amount of \$3,000 during the month of November 2023.
4. Provide opportunities and spaces throughout the Fall 2023 term for MUSE Seminar professors to gather, rest, reflect, and support one another.
5. Provide a link to a pre-designed Qualtrics survey by December 1, 2023.

Please note that US reserves the right to cancel any section of MUSE 1850 with enrollment of less than five students due to pedagogical and fiscal reasons.