CALL FOR HONORS SEMINAR PROPOSALS 2013-2014

In order to meet the deadline for next year's time schedule, the Honors Program Committee seeks proposals by Friday November 9, from faculty members interested in offering one of several one- to three-credit honors program seminars during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Typically, seminars are offered at the 400-level to junior and senior members of the University Honors Program. However, the Honors Program Committee also shall consider the possibility of offering one or two 200-level seminars, and proposals should indicate the intended course designation and preferred course level. In recent years, one-credit seminars have been a welcome addition to the array of three-credit seminar offerings; some of these one-credit courses have been taught intensively once a week and completed by the midpoint of the semester. Honors program students must complete six upper-division honors course or seminar credits, of the 27 credits required to earn an honors certificate at graduation.

Seminar topics may be in any field, but should not require specialized skills or intensive prior course work in any one area. Seminar offerings are intended to be distinctive to the honors curriculum and not typically courses or topics offered as nonhonors courses prior to the 2013-2014 academic year. Selected seminars may include courses offered as honors seminars in past years. Topics must be suited to a discussion format: some instructors rotate responsibility among students to initiate class discussion and to share their perspectives and developing knowledge and research on the course topic and materials. Seminars should require students to explore subjects in substantial depth; course work may culminate, for example, with students preparing a term paper and/or project for presentation. Seminars have an initial enrollment limit of 17 students (with maximum of 20 students, as agreed upon by instructor and UHP director). Team-taught or interdisciplinary seminars are welcomed, and have proven especially popular with honors students. Seminars have examined such topics as: issues of regional conflict, energy sources and policy; exploring chemicals as toxic agents; the role of business in medicine; banned books and literature of social change; gangs in America; and the history of music in film.

The department(s) offering these seminars will be provided \$750 per credit hour in funding to help offset costs. Please note, however, that any funding allocated in compensation to the instructor or direct support for course materials shall be arranged between the instructor and his or her department chair. If a seminar is team-taught by faculty from different departments, the \$750 per credit hour will be allocated as agreed upon by the respective department chairs. Selection of courses will be made by the Honors Program Committee, after evaluation and comment by the Honors Student Advisory Board, and will be based on both quality and the need for a balanced menu of offerings.

Interested faculty members are asked to send a brief course description about the seminar topic and course goals (including probable readings, texts, content covered, and types of written work, assignments or activities), proposed number of credits, intended course designation and level, and preference for fall 2013 or spring 2014 semester to the Director of the University Honors Program Stephan Flores (to be sent by E-mail with attached MS Word or .rtf file to honors@uidaho.edu). A curriculum vitae is not required; however, Honors Student Advisory Board members have expressed how much they appreciate learning about a faculty member's experience and expertise from a CV or brief faculty profile.

Approval by the appropriate departmental administrator(s) in the form of a memo or letter accompanying the proposal, including the department's planned allocation of UHP course support funding, is required for each proposal before it can be considered by the Honors Program Committee. Deadline for receipt of proposals and memos or letters of support is Friday, Nov. 9, 2012.

Please direct questions on proposal preparation to Dr. Stephan Flores at 885-6147 (sflores@uidaho.edu).