

MAYMESTER 2009

Faculty Development Workshops and Stipends

2009 will be the inaugural year for Maymester, a three-week summer term (Tuesday, May 19 – Friday, June 5). In order to assist faculty members who are planning to teach a Maymester course with re-formatting an existing course or developing a new course into the three-week format, the Center for Faculty Development will sponsor a 6-hour workshop during the spring semester. Maymester faculty members are strongly encouraged to attend the workshop, and stipends will be provided for faculty members who complete the workshop and develop a Maymester syllabus.

Content of the Workshop

- Constructing a syllabus for the three-week format—organizing the content and providing information about attendance/participation, grading, and so on.
- Teaching “tips” appropriate for this format, including pacing the presentation of information, structuring class time to optimize learning and minimize fatigue, and the best uses of class activities, assignments, Blackboard and other technologies, and so on.
- If possible, actual syllabi from courses at other institutions that have a Maymester term will be shared, and guest speakers who have taught condensed-format courses will be available to answer questions and share ideas for a successful Maymester.

Days and Times

The workshop consists of two sessions. The first is a four-hour session. Participants teaching Undergraduate courses will attend the Friday session. Those teaching Graduate courses will attend the Saturday session.

- Friday, January 30, 1:00 – 5:00 (lunch provided) (Lawrence Street Center - Terrace Room - 2nd Floor)
- Saturday, January 31, 10:00 – 2:00 (lunch provided) (Lawrence Street Center, 360 - 3rd Floor)

The second session is a two-hour follow-up session, during which participants will receive hands-on assistance with their draft syllabus, other teaching materials, instructional ideas, etc. Again, the first session is geared towards undergraduate courses with the second session geared towards graduate courses.

- Friday, February 13, 10:00 – 12:00 (North Classroom 1605)
- Friday, February 13, 1:00 – 3:00 (North Classroom 1605)

Expectations for Participating Faculty

- Attend the entire six-hour workshop
- Develop a syllabus for the Maymester course
- Participate in the evaluation of Maymester after the term concludes. This will likely include completing an evaluation questionnaire and participating in a focus group and/or individual interview

Stipends

A \$1000 stipend will be offered. Participating faculty members will receive one-half of the stipend (\$500) upon completion of the workshop and the second half (\$500) upon completion of the syllabus.

Faculty members scheduled to teach a Maymester course will be contacted later this semester and/or early next semester with additional information about the workshop.

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