

BGSU 1910: First Year Seminar

Proposal Outline

Proposals for new BGSU 1910 – First Year Seminars are to be submitted no later than December 15th. Please submit all proposals to Kim Brooks (kbrooks@bgsu.edu). The BGSU 1910 committee will review each proposal for the following content:

1. Title of Seminar

- a. Should be intriguing, catchy, or otherwise invite the interest of students.

2. Course Description

- a. 1-2 paragraphs describing the topic and pedagogical approach.

- b. The brief description should include:

- i. Learning Outcomes

1. Explain or demonstrate how your course learning outcomes align with the overall learning outcomes of the BGSU 1910 program

- a. **Engage** students in the intellectual life of the university and the relevance of the seminar topic

- b. **Connect** students with faculty and peers

- c. **Involve** students in co-curricular activities on campus and in the community.

- ii. Content overview

- iii. Planned campus engagement opportunities for students

- iv. Planned Experiential Learning Components (e.g., service learning project, undergraduate research, field trips or out-of-class activities, guest speakers, other projects)

3. Biosketch

- a. A brief bio outlining your teaching and scholarly pursuits as they pertain to the course.

4. Course duration

- a. Preference for 15 weeks, 7 weeks, or 7-week alternating weeks.

- i. 7-week courses will start in August and run for 2.5 -hours in order to meet the required contact hours.

- ii. 7-week alternating courses will begin in August and end in December, alternating weeks. Courses will run for 2.5 - hours to meet contact hour requirement.

5. Agreement to participate

- a. Several small group sessions and workshops to support course development, starting in the spring semester before fall semester implementation. (Simply indicate your agreement.)
 - b. Opening Weekend – all BGSU 1910 instructors are required to meet with their class for a 2 hour block of time on the first Friday of Opening Weekend. This time counts towards total contact hours and is to be used as a ‘first class’ to kick-off the semester. Funding for on-campus and off-campus class activities will be provided. (Simply indicate your agreement.)
- 6. Agreement to provide feedback** about the course and to support collection of student feedback and assessment that will aid in evaluating the BGSU 1910 seminars.

After review by the BGSU 1910 committee, you will be notified if your proposal has been accepted. Proposals that do not meet the required criteria as listed above will be returned to the proposer for edits.

Due Date: no later than December 15. Please send proposals and questions to Kim Brooks, Associate Director, Office of Undergraduate Education: kbrooks@bgsu.edu 2-4869