Lee Honors College
Study in the State Course
Request for Proposals

Deadline: September 18, 2015

Study in the States is a Lee Honors College program that allows high-achieving honors students to travel outside of southwest Michigan to study with outstanding WMU instructors. These courses are intended to promote place-based, experiential study and to highlight and take advantage of the extensive expertise of WMU instructors, many of whom routinely conduct scholarship in locations outside of southwest Michigan. Courses are typically capped at 10 students so that instructors can work closely with students in each course. We strongly encourage inclusion of service-learning and other teaching best practices.

Study in the States courses are typically three credits and include 7 to 10 days of travel. Courses have been held in summer I, summer II and spring semesters. Students receive honors credit, and in some cases, general education credit, for participation in the course. Students pay regular undergraduate tuition rates for Study in the States courses, and the honors college pays all other expenses for every student enrolled in the course as well as the faculty member teaching the course. This typically includes airfare and/or ground transportation, lodging, meals and admissions to special sites. Instructors are paid for instruction in accordance with current AAUP and PIO contract rates.

Examples of past courses include:
Garbage in Gotham (New York City)-Professor Sarah Hill
The Texas Tour (Austin, Houston and San Antonio, TX)- Professor Derrick McIver
Entrepreneurship: Understanding Start Up Ecosystems (Austin, TX and Boulder, CO)-Professor John Mueller
Disney Pilgrimage (Chicago, IL to Los Angeles, CA)-Dr. Christopher Tremblay
Vue d’Afrique (Montreal, Canada)-Professor Vincent Desroches

For more information see: wmich.edu/honors/advising/states

We are seeking proposals for courses to be taught in spring 2016, summer 2016, spring 2017 and summer 2017. If you are interested in teaching a Study in the States Course, please submit the following:

- **Course Description (500 words or less):** Provide a catalog description of the course, including intended destination(s) and topics that will be covered.

- **Course Syllabus:** Provide a detailed syllabus, including learning outcomes, sample readings and assignments, tentative travel schedule and course description.
• **Detailed Itinerary:** Provide a sample itinerary to illustrate travel route, likely destinations and overall timing of the planned trip. It is not necessary to include exact dates, but please include preferred timeframe (immediately following spring semester, mid-June, over spring break, etc.).

• **Budget:** Include a proposed budget for the course detailing anticipated expenses for airfare, ground transportation, lodging, meals and other costs. The estimated cost for the trip should not exceed $1500 per student, including costs for the instructor and one honors college staff member to accompany the students. Please note that the honors college owns one 12-passenger van and one 7-passenger van on a first requested-first served basis. There is no rental fee associated with the use of these vehicles for Study in the States courses, but the budget should including gas, tolls and parking, as necessary.

For further information, please contact Dr. Carla Koretsky ([Carla.koretsky@wmich.edu](mailto:Carla.koretsky@wmich.edu)), dean of the Lee Honors College or Ms. Jane Baas ([jane.baas@wmich.edu](mailto:jane.baas@wmich.edu)), associate dean of the Lee Honors College.

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