

College for Seniors

COURSE PROPOSAL

For Curriculum Committee use		
Semester(s) this course was previously offered:	Proposal Number:	W09-09

Please complete this form with the understanding that you may revise the course description and topics before the catalog is finalized. To see a catalog from last semester, go to the College for Seniors Web site: www.isualum.org/en/college_for_seniors

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1. **Course title:** Mark Twain: America's Humorist

2. **General field of interest** (e.g., Science, Music): Literature

3. **Curriculum Committee contact person:** Bill LaGrange

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Brief background of instructor (all or part of this will be used in the catalog):

I taught English at Ames High School for 33 years. For 17 of those years, I was Department Coordinator. During most of those years, I taught American Literature.

5. **Course description** that can be used to advertise the course in the catalog (you may revise this later if you wish).

For his day, Mark Twain was the best-known and most successful writer in America. We will explore his art in several different works studying the personality and life history of the man who redefined American literature.

6. **Specific topics** to be covered in the number of classes proposed:

1. Overview of Twain, his life and his writings
2. The shorter works
3. The longer works
4. The later works and the darker side of Twain

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7. Preferred class size: NO PREFERENCE 15 or less 16-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 55 or more

8. Preferred session (include year) : Sept.-Nov. Jan.-Feb. March-May

9. Preferred number of weeks and sessions: 4 weeks 6 weeks 8 weeks
 Once a week Twice a week

10. Check preferred class time. Put N/A where you are not available.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Comments
9:00-10:30	NA		NA		
11:00-12:30	X		X		
1:00-2:30					
3:00-4:30					

11. Recommended textbook (if any): None
 Where to obtain: _____
 Cost of textbook: _____
 Students will pay: Instructor College for Seniors when registering

12. Copying:

If a large quantity of printed materials is proposed, materials may be offered as a packet to be handed out at the beginning of the semester. Cost of printing, if substantial, may be added to cost of course.

Estimated number of pages to be copied for each session: None

13. Requested equipment (Podium with microphone, chalk, and dry-mark pens are provided at Scheman and ISU Foundation locations.)

Please check choices. (A more detailed form will be provided for your use before classes begin.)
NOTE: If using PowerPoint, you must provide your own computer.

DVD player LCD projector 35mm slide projector
 VHS player Elmo (opaque) projector Lapel microphone
 CD player Overhead transparency projector Laser pointer

14. Please list any potential guest presenters and city in which they live:

None

15. Is travel reimbursement requested? Yes No