

For Curriculum Committee use		
Semester(s) this course was previously offered:	Proposal Number:	W10-06

College for Seniors COURSE PROPOSAL

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: More Great Questions
2. General field of interest (e.g., Science, Music): Philosophy, Psychology, History
3. Curriculum Committee contact persons: Sam Wormley, Frank Rizzo
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4. Instructor or coordinator: Frank Rizzo (11.07.2009)
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Brief background of instructor (all or part of this will be used in the catalog):

Frank Rizzo is professor emeritus at ISU; he held faculty positions at the Universities of Illinois, Washington, and Kentucky. He has won ten awards for outstanding teaching, and two international medals for his research in applied mathematics: the Worcester Reed Warner Medal from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, in 1993; and (the first recipient of the now biennial) Frank J. Rizzo Medal, established in his name, by the International Association for Boundary Elements, in 2004.

5. Course description

This course is similar to the eight-week *Great Questions* course offered, for the first time, last spring. There we considered questions surrounding: concepts of reality, knowledge, truth, and the natural world. Also, we considered the philosophy of mind, with questions about consciousness, free will, and morality, ending with some remarks about theology.

More Great Questions will be a four-week course on questions about: “The Good Life” - a life to envy or a life to admire? “Happiness” - something to pursue (as suggested by the Declaration of Independence) or something else? “Friendship” - Aristotle’s ideas: different than our own? Finally we’ll consider some ideas on the appeal of art, aesthetics, and “Beauty without Observers....?”

The format of *Great Questions* and *More Great Questions* is the same; but the latter course is essentially independent of the previous one, since each is about different, not necessarily related, topics. Again, we are privileged to have several 30-minute lectures, on DVD, by Professor Daniel Robinson, from the faculties of Oxford University and Georgetown University. He is internationally recognized for his scholarship in Philosophy and Psychology, and for his outstanding, enjoyable and information-packed lectures. As before, following one of Professor Robinson’s lectures and a short break, we’ll have almost an hour for questions and discussion.

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

Ideas About: The Good Life, Happiness, Friendship, Art, Aesthetics, and Beauty

7. Preferred class size:	X	Max 20 in one class, with as many as 20 more in a 2nd class, the same week, if needed to limit each class to 20. No more than 40 total			46-55		55 or more
8. Preferred session (include year) :	X		Winter 2010				
9. Preferred number of weeks and sessions:		Four weeks (See Comments on 7. and 10. Regarding # of classes)					

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Comments
9:00-10:30		2 nd Choice			Offer 2nd class on Th or Fri if may 30 up to 40 would want the course example, could hold 2 classes @15 classes @20. *
11:00-12:30		1 st Choice			
1:00-2:30		3 rd Choice.			
3:00-4:30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

* **Assumes Horton Room would be available for these classes.**

11. **Recommended textbook (if any):** _____

Where to obtain: _____

Cost of textbook: _____

Students will pay: _____ Instructor X 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: Three to Five

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
 Chalk or Felt Pen Writing Board

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

15. Is travel reimbursement requested? Yes No