

## Call for Proposals for Grand Challenges Courses

The Office of the Provost is inviting undergraduate-degree-granting colleges to submit proposals for general education courses in the Natural and Social Sciences areas for the Grand Challenges Core.

Proposals do not need to include a complete syllabus but must include the following information.

1. State the “grand challenge” that is addressed in this course and provide a justification for your claim that this problem should be regarded as a grand challenge.
2. What disciplines are covered in the course?
3. How will faculty in the different disciplines be incorporated in the course?
4. State the course objectives and explain how they align with the grand challenges courses.
5. What General Education designations will you request for this course? Explain how the course meets the objectives for these areas.
6. What are the required texts?
7. List the weekly course schedule of topics to be covered.
8. How will the students be graded? Include a brief description of the types of assignments (homework, quizzes, tests, papers). Indicate if the tests/exams will be done online, or in face to face environment, proctored, or un-proctored.
9. Describe the structure of the course. For example large lecture with small discussion sections, 100% online with no discussion sections, hybrid with 50% online and 50% face to face, etc. Will the course be taught using any innovative pedagogy or technology? What enrollment will the course be able to handle?
10. Describe the administrative and management structure of the course. Will there be a course coordinator?
11. Proposals must include a budget with details for course development.
12. State all colleges that will contribute to this course. Include the names and signatures of college deans indicating agreement to offer, manage, and support this course.
13. Designate a single contact person for this proposal. All communication from the Provost’s Office regarding this proposal will be sent to this contact which will be responsible for maintaining communication with the colleges involved.

**Deadline:** Completed proposals must be received by midnight, March 31, 2014. Please submit all proposals by email to Ann Greene in the Office of Undergraduate Affairs at [agreene@aa.ufl.edu](mailto:agreene@aa.ufl.edu). Please call 352-846-1761 for additional information.

President Machen will make the awards by late April 2014 and colleges are expected to develop the courses during Summer 2014. The courses must be piloted in small sections in the 2014-15 academic year. Experience gained from the pilot program should be used to improve the courses to make them suitable for offering in 2015-16.