



University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Potential Teaching Opportunities in New Program for 2013-2014

During the 2013-2014 academic year the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will launch its exciting, new program of general education: the University Studies Program (USP). Courses in the University Studies Program are being carefully and creatively designed to enhance students' learning at the beginning of their college journeys. With this new program, general education courses at UW Oshkosh will be intentionally connected through content and high-impact practices.

The content connections will be accomplished through common intellectual experiences based on three of our campus' Essential Learning Outcome categories: Sustainability, Intercultural Knowledge and Competence, and Civic Learning. Students will explore the following *Signature Questions* in "Quest" courses from a wide variety of disciplines:

- **How do people understand and create a more sustainable world?**
- **How do people understand and engage in community life?**
- **How do people understand and bridge cultural differences?**

The high-impact (or research-based) practices students will experience in this program include small classes, learning communities, peer mentors, civic engagement, alumni mentors, and electronic portfolios (a digital storytelling mechanism that enhances academic success as students document and reflect upon their learning).

As our teaching community collaborates to create this new program, the University anticipates the need for part-and full-time instructors for the 2013-2014 academic year. These instructors need to be able to:

- address a *Signature Question* from a disciplinary perspective, teaching courses that have been identified and approved for the University Studies Program
- collaborate with other instructors in the University Studies Program and a home department, to coordinate student learning outcomes and the implementation of high-impact practices
- participate in professional development with the USP teaching community (beginning in August, 2013 and extending throughout the academic year)
- advocate for the value of a liberal arts education
- address the specific learning needs of all students in their first two years of college, demonstrating commitment to the campus aims of Inclusive Excellence

For further information about this new program, please visit <http://www.uwosh.edu/usp>

Instructors qualified to teach introductory courses in the following areas are especially encouraged to apply: African American Studies, Art, Anthropology, Biology and Microbiology, Chemistry, Economics, English (first year and advanced writing), Communication (introductory public speaking), Environmental Studies, Geography and Urban Planning, Geology, History, Philosophy, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Social Justice, Sociology, Theatre, and Women's Studies.

Applicants must possess a master's degree in the appropriate discipline. Ph.D. or equivalent preferred. Experience teaching first-year students preferred. Instructors with experience in online course development should indicate that expertise on their resume. Send letter of interest in teaching University Studies Program courses and resume to the College of Letters and Science, Dean's Office, UW Oshkosh, 800 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI 54901. Department chairs will request three letters of reference and transcripts from highly ranked applicants. Screening will begin April 8, 2013 and continue until all positions are filled. Required professional development for instructors hired to teach courses in this new program will occur in late August 2013. Employment will require a criminal background check. The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh is committed to recruiting and supporting a diverse community of outstanding faculty and students, and is an AA/EOE Employer.