

**The Ohio State University  
First-Year Seminar Program  
Course Proposal**

**Course Information**

1. Attach a syllabus that includes the following (sample syllabi can be found at <http://firstyearseminars.osu.edu>):
  - the course goals
  - a brief description of the content
  - the distribution of meeting times
  - a weekly topical outline
  - a listing of assignments
  - grade assessment information (A-E or S/U)
  - required textbooks and/or reading list
  - the academic misconduct and disability services statements (sample statements can be found at <http://ascas.osu.edu/curriculum/asc-syllabus-elements>)

**Instructor Information**

2. Attach a brief biographical paragraph that includes the current research interests, teaching awards and honors, and undergraduate courses taught by the participating instructor(s).

**Biographical Paragraph:** I have been teaching literature and philosophy for over thirteen years. While I regularly teach classes in reading, writing, literature, and poetry, I have also taught courses in modern art, philosophy, critical thought, and queer studies. I've been honored to win the "Best Course at the University of Washington" award during my time at that university. I have written on the relationship between art and politics and have a special interest in the way that perspectives in philosophy and literature can not only change the way we think but transform the way we live. I'm currently finishing a book on the Surrealist artist Claude Cahun, who created an anti-Nazi resistance movement on the island of Jersey during World War II; using literature as her main weapon, she was able to destabilize the Nazi leadership and foment insurrection in the ranks. Here, as in my teaching, I pay special attention to the real-world impacts that art and thought can have in turbulent times.

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