
**Sabbatical Proposal for:
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Abstract

ARTS1313, Foundations of Art is a quickly growing course serving a population of students that are high-risk non-completers. The course is taught mainly by adjuncts and without a required textbook. I am requesting a sabbatical to dedicate the time to establish ARTS1313 Open Educational Resources (OER) and design curriculum aligning OER with student learning objectives and assignments. Developing an OER constructed course will benefit students and instructors and additionally cultivate course consistency.

Designing ARTS1313 with OER will promote student success and accessibility. OER will foster multiple learning platforms for students by adding the reading/writing learning style. Furthermore, ARTS1313 will remain a low-cost, textbook-free course, making it accessible to all students regardless of finances. An OER-designed course will present new instructors a reference while creating course content. Lastly, establishing OER for ARTS1313 will generate much needed course consistency for the course to remain a course-to-course transfer at selected universities and to fulfill the measuring standard for Program Learning Outcome #2.

Designing ARTS1313 course curriculum to align OER, assignments, and Student Learning Outcomes while saving students the expense of a textbook is a Collin College student-focused approach, which additionally will benefit instructors and create course consistency.