
**Sabbatical Proposal for Rich DeRouen
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Abstract

The proposed project is the development of a model Humanities 1301 course constructed using Open Educational Resources (OER). This course design would be available for adoption by all Collin faculty teaching HUMA 1301, both full-time and adjunct faculty. The completed course design will be presented in the form of a Canvas course, with all materials contained within or accessible through the Canvas course. The design is intended to be usable for an onsite course (with all course materials available online at no cost), for a hybrid course, or for a fully online course. To satisfy the last option, the course design will be meticulous in providing appropriate copyright notifications for all materials and in meeting accessibility standards in every way possible. The completed course will be submitted (upon return from sabbatical leave) for Online Advisory Board review as a new template for online HUMA 1301 courses. Such a course design - intended to be either zero-cost or very low-cost to students - would have the potential to decrease educational costs for as many as 1250-1300 students in each long semester (the average HUMA 1301 enrollment per long semester over the two most recent academic years).