

Call for Leisure Learning Proposals Summer 2022



Background

The Doel Reed Center for the Arts is located in Taos, New Mexico, and is a major gift from Martha Reed, who was the daughter of Doel Reed, a famous printmaker and first head of the OSU Art Department (1924-1959). In addition, Martha was an OSU graduate, having received her degree in Art in the 1940s. She was also well-known for her clothing designs and her shop, "Martha of Taos." Since 2006, we have been developing the center as a location for OSU students, alumni, and national/international visiting artists and scholars to experience the unique historic, cultural, and physical environment that Taos offers. The property consists of two adobe residences, Doel Reed's studio and several outdoor teaching spaces.

In addition to regular credit classes for undergraduate and graduate students, the center offers **non-credit, continuing education classes for employees, alumni, & community members.**

Past course offerings include: New Mexico Modernism; Exploring Taos through Drawing; New Mexico Food & Culture; Solarplate Printmaking; Fashion Studies, Public History in Northern New Mexico, Ecology & Visual Landscape, Geology of Northern New Mexico, and Flyfishing.

We are now soliciting proposals for leisure learning classes for **Summer 2022** (July 25-29).

What is a leisure learning class?

These are non-credit continuing education classes for adult learners. Classes may be academic and/or activity-based. All classes should incorporate field trips, museum or site visits, and/or local activities. Each class should include a minimum of 16 contact hours. There are no grades and no assessments. **The proposed course MUST take advantage of its teaching location in Taos** and the course outline and activities proposed should reflect that.

Format:

4 days of instruction/activities: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday. Wednesday is a free day for participants and faculty. The distribution of instruction and activities is flexible. For example, one could have classroom instruction/activities 2 hours in the morning (10 to noon) and two in the afternoon (2 to 4) on some days with full or half day field trips or site visits on other days. Alternatively, one could have 2 hours of instruction followed by afternoon field trips.

What Teaching Facilities are Available?

Classes may be held at the Doel Reed Center or by arrangement at other facilities in Taos, as required by the course content and class size. Laptop, projector, and internet connection are available. DRCA facilities limit the class size to a maximum of 12.

What Housing/Compensation are Provided to Faculty?

Housing or lodging per diem, limited travel expenses, and a stipend of \$1000 to \$2400, depending on enrollments (\$250 per student). Classes typically need a minimum of 5 students and may not exceed 12.

We will also provide funding for relevant course materials and admissions, generally not to exceed \$150 per student.

When is the Session?

July 25-29, 2021. Classes held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. There will be an opening reception on Sunday evening July 24 and a closing session on Friday evening July 29. Instructors are expected to attend both of these events.

Proposal Requirements

Please submit a brief bio that highlights your qualifications to teach the proposed class (1-page with contact information) and a 1-2 page description of the proposed course, including a preliminary course schedule.

- **Be certain to explain how this course takes advantage of its location in Taos.**
- **Indicate how the course will appeal to a continuing education audience**
- **Describe the experiential/ activity-oriented learning opportunities which will enhance the class**
- If your course would require special equipment or accommodations beyond what has been mentioned above, please let us know that.

The deadline for Leisure learning proposals is Monday October 11.

Please send proposals via email to: **Carol Moder**, carol.moder@okstate.edu.

Put "DRC leisure proposal" in the subject line.

Questions?

Please don't hesitate to contact me with your questions. I am available via email at the address above, or by phone at 405-612-8295. You may learn more about the DRC at: <https://doelreed.okstate.edu/>