**SNF Paideia Designated Course Description**

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Paideia Program serves as a hub for civic dialogue in undergraduate education at Penn. In collaboration with other Penn programs and organizations, SNF Paideia provides opportunities for students to develop the knowledge, skills, ethical frameworks, and experiences necessary to be informed, engaged, and effective community members and leaders. SNF Paideia encourages the free exchange of ideas, civil and robust discussion of divergent views, and the integration of student and community wellness through SNF Paideia-designated courses, a Fellows program, and campus events. For more information visit our website at <https://snfpaideia.upenn.edu/>.

SNF Paideia designated courses, designed and taught by faculty from all of Penn’s twelve Schools, integrate students’ personal, professional, and civic development. Open to all Penn undergraduates, these courses consider dialogue, wellness, service and citizenship from different disciplinary perspectives with one or more of the following foci:

* Examine theories or practices of deliberative democracy, civil discourse, conflict and cooperation, and other related topics;
* Equip students to engage diverse social, cultural, economic, or political perspectives and provide opportunities for them to practice these skills;
* Explore ethical approaches to engaged citizenship and civic leadership within a particular discipline;
* Investigate the relationship between individual and community wellness.

SNF Paideia courses are open and accessible to students from all four undergraduate Schools and are intended to be taught regularly, at least once every other year. They often incorporate opportunities for community engagement, guided research, or other innovative teaching strategies that engage the whole person. SNF Paideia courses may also fulfill Department and/or School requirements, with the approval of the Department or School in question.

SNF Paideia courses are typically new or substantially redesigned courses. Paideia provides a stipend of up to $10,000 to support new course development and can also offer up to $20,000 in support during the teaching of the course. The teaching funds may be used as salary by the instructor (if the course is an overload), to hire a graduate TA or other instructional support, cover the costs of student research or travel for the course, or other course-related expenses approved in advance by the SNF Paideia Program.

To propose a SNF Paideia designated course, please complete the attached and return to the program’s Executive Director, Leah Anderson (leahand@upenn.edu ). Proposals will be evaluated by the Paideia Program’s Faculty/Staff and Student Advisory Boards, in consultation with leadership from the appropriate Departments and Schools. Please note that SNF Paideia courses that will also fulfil Department or School requirements must be approved through the Department’s or School’s normal review process.

**SNF Paideia Designated Course Proposal Form**

Course proposals will usually be submitted at least eight months before the course will be offered to allow sufficient time to gather all necessary approvals from the SNF Paideia Program and the appropriate departments and Schools.

**Course Instructor(s):**

**Is the Instructor:**

1. A member of the standing faculty (if so what Department/School?):
2. A current adjunct or lecturer (if so what Department/School?):
3. Other (please describe):

**Course Title:**

**Course Description (Use as much space as needed):**

**Course Format (e.g., lecture, seminar, etc.):**

**Course Size (number of students):**

**Course Level (Check as many as apply):**

1. First Year Students
2. Sophomores
3. Juniors
4. Seniors

**Is this a new or significantly revised course?**

1. New
2. Significantly revised (please explain what is new):

**Do you anticipate this course filling any Department or School requirements?**

1. Department Requirements (if so which Department and what requirement):
2. School requirement (if so which School and what requirement):

**Would you be interested in offering this course as an** [**Academically Based Community Service (ABCS) course**](https://www.nettercenter.upenn.edu/what-we-do/courses)**?**

1. Yes
2. No

**How do you expect to capitalize on having students from different Schools in this course?**

**Do you propose to use Paideia funds for course development (up to $10,000) or teaching (up to $20,000)?**

1. No
2. Yes. Please explain, generally, how you expect to use these resources.

**This course will be:**

1. Part of the instructor’s regular teaching load
2. A course buyout
3. In addition to instructor’s regular teaching load
4. Something else (please explain):

**Anticipated semester/year this course would be offered (e.g., spring 2022):**