

College for Seniors

COURSE PROPOSAL

For Curriculum Committee use	
Semester(s) this course was previously offered:	Proposal Number: W09-03

Please complete this form with the understanding that you may revise the course description and topics before the catalog is finalized. To see a catalog from last semester, go to the College for Seniors Web site: < [www.isualum.org/en/college for seniors](http://www.isualum.org/en/college_for_seniors) >

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1. **Course title:** American Railways' Stories (Story of Railroads)

2. **General field of interest** (e.g., Science, Music): History; transportation

3. **Curriculum Committee contact person:** Martha Rasmussen

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4. **Instructor or coordinator:** Martha Rasmussen, Coordinator

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Brief background of instructor (all or part of this will be used in the catalog):

So far:

1. Bryan Anderson, Boone, member of the Board of Directors for Boone Scenic Valley Railroad, Boone, IA who is head of the RR Restoration committee.
2. Possibly ISU student organization or others involved in RR modeling - Prof. John Shriver, Advisor. Cliff Cessna, President. ISU Railroad Club.
3. Roger Sogard and Delmar "Giff" Gifford, retired railroad telegraphers and others.
4. Charles Mische - Professor Emeritus, Mechanical Engineering

5. **Course description** that can be used to advertise the course in the catalog (you may revise this later if you wish). A four-week introduction to American Railways with special emphasis on Central Iowa, this course will explore the world of railroading from several perspectives.

A. History/Economic impact of Railroads on American Culture with discussion of Interurban between Des Moines & Ames.

B. Restoration of Railroad Cars/Locomotives and Preservation of the Railroad heritage with mention of Special American trains and Cars

C. The hobby of Railroad Modeling - How to set up, purchase parts etc. and hopefully a demo setup during the course perhaps over more than one session.

D. What it was like as employee of the C & NW or other railroads.—their stories.

6. **Specific topics** to be covered in the number of classes proposed: 4 or 5 classes.

Possible Topics include: RR Development & History. Particular Central Iowa RR Lines eg. Chicago & Northwestern; Fort Dodge etc.; RR Restoration Preservation; RR Modeling; Famous Trains and Locomotives; Possibly RR Collectibles and Recollections of RR Retired Employees.

Possibly "Field Trip" to Boone for experience on Interurban and discussion of Restoration onsite.

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7. Preferred

class size: ___ 15 or less ___ 16-25 X 26-35 ___ 36-45 ___ 46-55 ___ 55 or more

8. Preferred session

(include year): ___ Sept.-Nov. 2009 Jan.-Feb. 2009 March-May

9. Preferred number of

weeks and sessions: X 4 weeks ___ 6 weeks ___ 8 weeks
X Once a week ___ Twice a week

10. Check preferred class time. Put N/A where you are not available.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Comments
9:00-10:30					
11:00-12:30					
1:00-2:30					
3:00-4:30	X	X	X		

11. Recommended textbook (if any): _____

Where to obtain: _____

Cost of textbook: _____

Students will pay: ___ Instructor ___ College for Seniors when registering

12. Copying:

If a large quantity of printed materials is proposed, materials may be offered as a packet to be handed out at the beginning of the semester. Cost of printing, if substantial, may be added to cost of course.

Estimated number of pages to be copied for each session: _____

13. Requested equipment (Podium with microphone, chalk, and dry-mark pens are provided at Scheman and ISU Foundation locations.)

Please check choices. (A more detailed form will be provided for your use before classes begin.)

NOTE: If using PowerPoint, you must provide your own computer.

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| ___ DVD player | ___ LCD projector | ___ 35mm slide projector |
| ___ VHS player | ___ Elmo (opaque) projector | ___ Lapel microphone |
| ___ CD player | ___ Overhead transparency projector | ___ Laser pointer |

14. Please list any potential guest presenters and city in which they live:

15. Is travel reimbursement requested? X Yes ___ No

For Speakers coming from Boone