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Florida State College at Jacksonville, in cooperation with George Mason University, Iowa State University, the National Alliance of Community and Technical Colleges, and a consortium of colleges and universities located throughout the United States, has been awarded a three-year grant of \$728,112 from the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).

The grant provides funds to train higher education faculty in interactive course delivery methods and to support faculty nationwide in the beta testing of 25 interactive, low-cost general education courses developed by Florida State College under the SIRIUS Project. Known as Project DELTA (Disseminating Effective Learning Through Automation), the project was funded September 30, 2009.

Need further information?

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INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM

The purpose of this global, nonprofit educational consortium is to improve the learning process through technology-enhanced applications of learning and motivation research. The consortium offers opportunities for college and university faculty to participate in professional development training at no cost and to share in the development and use of SIRIUS Academics courses. Project DELTA membership in the consortium provides significantly reduced costs to students enrolled in SIRIUS Academics courses—current (2011/2012) charges to students at consortium institutions for most digitally delivered SIRIUS Academics course materials, which include an e-textbook, are \$48 per student, plus any software costs in mathematics, reading, and English courses.

Application procedures to join the consortium as a member of Project DELTA are included in this brochure.

Benefits to Participating Faculty at Member Institutions:

- \$1,000 per faculty member per year
- Free registration at the *International Conference on College Teaching and Learning*

Visit www.teachlearn.org for more information about the conference.

- Up to \$500 per faculty member for travel to the conference
- Free faculty training
- Free online career counseling for students

Membership Agreements:

- Participating institutions guarantee the participation of five faculty members per year
- Participating faculty members beta test (teach) five sections of SIRIUS Academics courses per year

SIRIUS ACADEMICS

SIRIUS Academics courses are complete course materials packages and are designed to be taught in any delivery mode—fully online, hybrid/blended, or face-to-face. Courses are developed by teams including faculty, instructional designers, multimedia specialists, quality assurance staff, and external, nationally known content reviewers. All content and pedagogy are developed by the teams. Emphasis is on the development of highly creative, interactive courses enhanced with technology, making use of the latest research in learning and motivation. SIRIUS Academics courses are designed to provide high-quality e-textbook content and course materials at low costs to students. The courses include Pearson Education, Inc. software and supporting materials published by Florida State College at Jacksonville and distributed by Follett Higher Education Group.

Each course includes a custom-developed book and all supporting materials, including a syllabus, guidelines for instructors, learning activities, and assessments, which are provided digitally in most learning management systems. All SIRIUS Academics courses are available in print at slightly increased costs over the digital versions.

Twenty-five high-enrollment/high student-demand courses have been developed as SIRIUS Academics courses. The following courses are currently available:

CURRENT COURSES

Basic Skills

- Reading Skills
- Introduction to English Composition
- Basic College Mathematics
- Elementary Algebra
- Strategies for Success in College, Career, and Life

Communications, Languages, & Humanities

- English Composition I
- English Composition II
- Introduction to Literature
- Humanities: Foundations
- Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- World Religions
- Introduction to Philosophy

Social Sciences, Education, & Business

- General Psychology
- Human Growth and Development
- Human Relations in Business and Industry
- Introductory Sociology
- United States History to 1865
- United States History From 1865 to the Present
- Principles of Economics I: Macroeconomics
- World Geography

Natural Science & Mathematics

- College Algebra
- Intermediate Algebra
- Elementary Statistics
- Topics in College Mathematics
- Life in Its Biological Environment
- Biology Laboratory



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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

The **Online Professor Certificate** training program is hosted and taught by Florida State College faculty. An official certificate is provided to all who complete the program. Program modules follow.

Learning Through Interactivity 15 hours

Basic orientation to online and blended course development and teaching, emphasizing pedagogy/andragogy. Includes an introduction to instructional design, uses of learning communities, and mastery, cooperative, and constructivist learning. Also includes research-based recommendations for teaching online and blended courses.

Blackboard 9.1 12 hours

(Optional as appropriate for institutions)

Multimedia 6 hours

Basic applications of multimedia to online instruction, including identification, development, and use of learning activities.

Mentored Learning Experience 9 hours

Mentored online teaching

Serving as Mentor 9 hours

Upon completion of the Mentored Learning Experience module, the participating faculty member serves one term as a mentor for other faculty who are completing the training leading to the certificate.



Application to join
The SIRIUS Academics Consortium
as a Project DELTA Member
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Membership Agreement

The educational institution listed below wishes to join the SIRIUS Academics Consortium as a member of Project DELTA. The institution agrees to name five (5) participating faculty members, each of whom will beta test one or more SIRIUS Academics courses by teaching five (5) sections each year during academic years 2011/12, 2012/13, and 2013/14. In return for beta testing five sections of the course(s), each faculty member will receive \$1,000 per year, provided s/he has completed teaching the five sections and reported her/his findings to improve the course(s). In addition, each participating faculty member will receive

- Waiver of fee for online teaching certificate (value \$750)
- Waiver of registration fee for the *International Conference on College Teaching and Learning* (value \$545)
- Up to \$500 for travel expenses to attend the conference

APPLICATION

Name of Educational Institution _____

Learning Mgmt. System (LMS)* _____ Version _____

Tech. Contact Person for LMS _____

Phone _____ Email _____

*SIRIUS Academics courses are delivered in your LMS. To date, versions have been created in the following systems: Blackboard Learning System 9.0 and 9.1, Blackboard Academic Suite 7 and 8, Blackboard CE 6 and 8, Angel, Moodle, Desire2Learn, and WebStudy.

We wish to participate in this program as a Project DELTA member of the SIRIUS Academics Consortium (International Academy for the Scholarship of Learning Technology).

Name _____ Date _____
Primary Contact Person

Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Approved _____ Date _____
Senior Academic Administrator

Title _____

Mail or fax signed application to the attention of Rick Granger.

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