



Creating a Course for the ESU

Do you have a course idea that would ignite the interest of students in grades 7 to 12?

The Enrichment Studies Unit

The goal of Enrichment Studies Unit (ESU) at Queen's University is to enrich youth by challenging them academically, developing them personally, and inspiring them with the Queen's University experience.

Since 1987, ESU has expanded from a small outreach program for local high school students to offering enrichment opportunities to thousands of students in grades 7 to 12 from across Ontario and beyond. ESU has operated in a variety of structures, and now operates as an initiative under the Dean of Student Affairs at Queen's University.

Having served over 100,000 students since our inception, ESU has also provided leadership opportunities to over 1500 Queen's students, supported numerous local businesses, and given teaching opportunities to hundreds of Queen's students and professionals from the local community.

The ESU hires Queen's students and community professionals to create and teach engaging courses that provide a university style course that enriches and motivates upper-elementary and high school students. ESU works with Departments and potential instructors to showcase research and learning occurring at Queen's.

ESU brings more than 2000 school aged students to the University campus each year to take enrichment courses, live in residence and experience life at Queen's. Many of our ESU students return to Queen's as university students because of their ESU experience.



Proposing Your Course for ESU

ESU courses are created by the instructor and their department coordinator/contact to ensure department approval of course content and resources before the course is approved by the ESU team. Courses are designed to give students in grades 7-8 (SEEDS), grade 8-9 (SEEQ), grades 10-12 (SEEQ) and grades 9-12 (EMC) enrichment opportunities to explore new subject matter while learning new skills or expressing and enhancing their creative and artistic abilities. Courses are created with best teaching practices in mind and use active learning, hands-on activities and work within groups. Lectures and PowerPoints are acceptable, but should be limited.

To propose a course, you will need to complete and be selected for the following steps in the course selection process*.

Step 1: Submit a course name and brief description introducing your course concept.

Step 1 Submission Deadline: Monday, September 25, 2017.

Step 2: Submit a complete course proposal outlining the details of your course.

Step 2 Submission Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2017.

Step 3: Attend an interview to discuss your qualifications and course proposal.

Step 3 Deadline: Interviews will be conducted by Monday, October 30, 2017.

Step 4: Selected courses will be posted to the ESU website for registration*.

Step 4 Deadline: Courses meeting minimum registration levels will be offered a position.

*Dates and deadlines are subject to change.



Course Registration & Selection

Students begin registering for ESU programs and courses in December and all course descriptions go onto our website in November. **It is your Course Title and Description that sells your course.** Flashy titles and descriptions that intrigue our students encourage them to register for your course. Only instructors whose courses meet minimum registration requirements will be offered a position as an instructor for ESU. Instructors whose courses do not meet minimum registration requirements will not be compensated for course preparation and instruction time.

2018 ESU Program Dates and Compensation

Seven Eight Enrichment Days (SEEDS) for grade 7 to 8 students

- **SEEDS 1:** May 16-18, 2018
- **SEEDS 2:** May 23-25, 2018
- **SEEDS 3:** May 30-June 2, 2018
- *Instructors are compensated for 15 hours of paid instruction* + 4 hours of preparation*

Enrichment Mini Courses (EMC) for grade 9 to 12 students

- May 7-11, 2018
- *Instructors are compensated for 20 hours of paid instruction* + 6 hours of preparation*

Summer Enrichment Experience at Queen's (SEEQ) for grade 8-9 and 10-12 students

- August 13-17, 2018
- *Instructors are compensated for 20 hours of paid instruction* + 6 hours of preparation*

* Only one instructor fee (\$25.00/hour) is paid per course. If multiple instructors are teaching one course, the instructor fee is shared among them.



Instructor Training & Resources

There is training available for instructors in classroom management and instructing grade 7 to 12 students. If you require information on how to develop day to day plans and lessons, please contact us and we will provide you with links to this information.

As per Queen's policy, all instructors must submit a clear CPIC with Vulnerable sector and ensure that it remains in good standing throughout their courses.

Sample Program Schedules

Please find below sample schedules from both SEEDS (3-day programs) and EMC and SEEQ (5-day programs).

Seven Eight Enrichment Days (SEEDS) in May

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am to 12pm	Course Instruction 3hrs	Course Instruction 3hrs	Course Instruction 3hrs
12pm to 1pm	Lunch (Instructor Break)		
1pm to 4pm	Course Instruction 3hrs	Course Instruction 3hrs	

Enrichment Mini Course (EMC) in May

Summer Enrichment Experience at Queen's (SEEQ) in August

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am to 12pm	Course Instruction 3hrs	Course Instruction 3hrs		Course Instruction 3hrs	Course Instruction 3hrs
12pm to 1pm	Lunch (Instructor Break)				
1pm to 3pm	Course Instruction 2hrs	Course Instruction 2hrs	Course Instruction 2hrs	Course Instruction 2hrs	