

SMU-in-Taos is a unique academic environment that encourages experiential learning in Northern New Mexico. You and your students will benefit from our “classroom without walls” philosophy while discovering the culture, history and natural beauty of the American Southwest. **We hope you will consider proposing a course for SMU-in-Taos.**

Benefits of Teaching in Taos

✓ **Extra Compensation**

- ✓ Teaching at SMU-in-Taos is done separately from one’s normal course load. Extra compensation is typically calculated at 10% of your normal salary with a \$10,000 max.
- ✓ Faculty live on campus where room and board are provided for faculty and immediate family. Travel will be reimbursed up to \$750 roundtrip.

✓ **Location**

- ✓ Taos offers the perfect complement to the big city of Dallas. Enjoy beautiful mountain weather and views at our 423-acre campus in Taos, NM.
- ✓ Discover the fascinating intersection of cultures and history in the American Southwest. Explore Taos’ art, music, outdoor recreation and much more.



Plant Biology students enjoying an educational hike with Dr. Ubelaker.

✓ **Terms/Class Structure**

- ✓ Condensed, focused terms during the summer and winter breaks allow you to engage and challenge your students through discussions, projects and field trips each day.
- ✓ Our living-learning environment, like that of the new Residential Commons system, increases interactions with students in and out of class.
- ✓ Small class sizes mean you get to know each and every one of your students both personally and academically.

| Term | Class Days | Typical class schedule |
|------------|------------|------------------------|
| January | 8 | Mon-Fri, 6 hours/day |
| May/August | 12 | Mon-Fri, 4 hours/day |
| June | 20 | Mon-Fri, 2 hours/day |

students can enroll in multiple courses



Students hike past Williams Lake on their way to summit Wheeler Peak, the highest point in New Mexico.

✓ **Experiential Learning**

- ✓ SMU-in-Taos practices a “classroom without walls” philosophy. This encourages learning beyond the physical classroom, from educational hikes and field trips to class debates and discussions around an evening campfire.
- ✓ We encourage faculty to offer internships, independent research, directed study and community engagement opportunities utilizing the unique resources in Taos.
- ✓ Local Points of Interest: Taos Pueblo (UNESCO World Heritage Site), Santa Fe Opera, Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos National Laboratories, Pot Creek Pueblo Excavation, KTAOS Solar-powered Radio Station, Ghost Ranch and Georgia O’Keeffe Museum, Chaco Canyon, local non-profits, organic farms, and many more.

✓ **Interdisciplinary Collaboration**

- ✓ Collaboration among faculty is strongly encouraged. From sharing lectures, field trips, guest speakers or community engagement projects, the opportunities are unlimited.
- ✓ We strive to offer a wide variety of courses that fulfill major, minor and/or UC requirements, including Ways of Knowing courses, which are inherently collaborative.

✓ **Campus Resources**

- ✓ Campus resources include: brand new Miller Campus Center, library staffed by SMU librarian, on-campus OIT Specialist, shared faculty office with computers and free printing, biology and archaeology lab spaces, art barn for creative projects and chef-prepared meals.



July dedication of the brand new Miller Campus Center.

✓ **Course Development Funds Available**

- ✓ If you would like to propose a new course to be taught in Taos, but are unfamiliar with the area, consider applying for a course development trip.

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