

FAQ -TEACHING WITH THE GCWS

01 WHAT IS THE TYPICAL SCHEDULE FOR A GCWS COURSE?

The GCWS offers courses during the fall and spring semesters each academic year. Topic-based courses meet once per week for three hours. The teaching faculty select the semester, day, and time of the course. The GCWS office is very flexible in regards to scheduling classes each year. The teaching team must confirm this information with the office at least one semester in advance of the course being taught.

Feminist Theory is offered in the Fall semester and Feminist Methods is taught in the Spring semester. Dissertation Workshop is a full year course that meets every other week. Teaching faculty can still select the day/time that works best for their schedule.

02 WHERE DO GCWS COURSES MEET?

Courses can meet at MIT, on Zoom, or at the home campus of a faculty leader. The GCWS office can organize the needs and logistics if a course is hosted at the MIT campus. If a course is located at the home campus of a faculty leader then they (or their department coordinator) would be responsible for organizing classroom space and needs. Faculty are also responsible for creating the necessary Zoom links for online courses. Course location possibilities will remain flexible regardless of COVID's impact on campus life.

03 HOW ARE FACULTY COMPENSATED?

The GCWS has a memorandum of understanding with the Provost of each member institution. Faculty can be compensated in a number of ways depending on their status:

- Tenure and tenure track faculty, of any discipline, can teach for the GCWS as part of their standard teaching load at their home institution. The GCWS Program Manager and board representative from your institution can provide additional information and support throughout this process.
- Tenure and tenure track faculty can teach a GCWS course in addition to their standard course load at their home institution. In this situation, faculty will be hired as a lecturer at MIT and paid by GCWS. As of 2021, the MIT lecturer rate is \$10,000 per course.
- Lecturers from member institutions will be hired as a lecturer at MIT and paid by GCWS. As of 2021, the MIT lecturer rate is \$10,000 per course.

04 HOW IS COVID IMPACTING COURSES?

Most courses are held on MIT campus and thus they must follow all MIT procedures and protocols in addition to the cross-registration procedures and protocols of our member institutions. If faculty choose to hold the course on their home institution then all students will need to follow that institution's protocols instead of MIT. All students and faculty are required to be vaccinated except for very limited medical exemptions. Masks are required on the MIT campus. Students must also follow the testing requirements of their home campus. Faculty can also choose to offer the course remotely.

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WHAT DISCIPLINES DO FACULTY COME FROM?

GCWS courses are taught by faculty in a range of disciplines. If you do not see your discipline represented, we would especially love to talk with you about proposing a course. Recently, we have hosted faculty from the following disciplines:

- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Asian Studies
- Astrophysics
- Community Health Sciences
- English
- Fine Arts
- History
- Literature
- Performing Arts
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy
- Sociology
- Theology
- WGSS

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HOW FREQUENTLY CAN FACULTY TEACH FOR THE GCWS? HOW FREQUENTLY CAN THE SAME COURSE BE TAUGHT?

Faculty are welcome to teach as often as they like for the GCWS and can even teach in consecutive years if their schedule allows. The GCWS prefers to have a couple of years in between offering the same topic-based courses. Core courses are taught every year.

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WHEN SHOULD FACULTY SUBMIT A COURSE PROPOSAL OR SYLLABUS?

Courses must be approved, at minimum, in the academic year prior to teaching the class. For example, a course for Fall 2023 or Spring 2024 must be approved during the 2022-2023 academic year. Faculty can choose to submit their syllabus several years in advance if they know that a particular semester will be best for their schedule and they want to reserve a spot for their course.

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HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE IN A CLASS?

GCWS courses are capped at 20-25 students. We expect attrition at the start of the semester as student schedules are sorted. Courses typically have 10-20 people in them, primarily Masters and PhD students.

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WHAT DISCIPLINES DO STUDENTS COME FROM?

GCWS courses are open to Masters and PhD students at our member institutions. They come from a variety of disciplines including:

- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Classical Studies
- Engineering
- English
- Fine Arts
- Health Sciences
- History
- Literature
- Media Studies
- Performance Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Religion
- Sociology
- WGSS