

Summer 2023 Teaching: Graduate Student Selection Process Policy

The Department of Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies offers summer courses in response to the instructional needs of our undergraduate students and contingent on available funds. The number of courses scheduled each summer may therefore vary. Once a course is scheduled, our ability to offer it depends on sufficient enrollment numbers. In an effort to boost enrollments, GWSS will offer Summer 2023 courses in a remote/distance learning or hybrid format. These modalities are currently for this summer only, as we continue to assess current undergraduate instructional needs.

The Department is committed to providing undergraduate students with excellent instruction, as well as to training graduate students to be excellent instructors. In this spirit, the Department endeavors to give all graduate students who qualify the opportunity to teach GWSS undergraduate courses during summer quarter.

In order to qualify to teach during Summer 2023, graduate student applicants are **required to attend** two Spring 2023 instructional/professionalization sessions (dates TBA):

1. Syllabus Design overview workshop run by the UW Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)
2. Syllabus Development workshop run by GWSS, which will also help you develop syllabi for your future teaching portfolio

After these requirements have been met, the Department then selects graduate students to teach as independent instructors of summer courses based on the following criteria:

1. Graduate students must have completed GWSS 504: Philosophies and Techniques of Teaching.
2. Experience with university-level teaching (either as a TA or as an instructor) in which the TA is responsible for the content and conduct of discussion sections.
3. Experience as a TA for the specific course that will be taught independently. If this is not possible, students must arrange with the course instructor to observe the course for a quarter.
4. Selection of a faculty mentor to serve as a consultant as the TA develops and teaches the course. The mentor is typically someone who teaches the course regularly or who has expertise in the topic of the course.
5. Graduate students must have been evaluated by GWSS faculty based on Annual Plan and Annual Self-Evaluation forms submitted in a timely fashion. This includes submitting a teaching evaluation. They must be assessed as making suitable progress towards completion of their graduate program.
6. The Department endeavors to give priority to students who have received fewer quarters of funding in summer than those who have received more prior funding.