

Extra Class Sections for Graduate Students

To enhance Master's and Ph.D. degree programs in Arts and Sciences, the Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences will make support available to departments/programs that offer additional graduate student discussion sections in 100 level courses that are being taught at the undergraduate level. This support is specifically intended to enrich the experience of graduate students in instances when a department/program does not have the capacity to offer a sufficient number of 200 level courses, or when undergraduate enrollment in a 100 level course is high enough that the course needs to be taught at an undergraduate level.

Eligibility Requirements

All additional sections must be authorized by the Dean, normally in advance of the semester (with the understanding that plans may change based on final enrollment numbers).

In order to be eligible for consideration of support, a course must have a minimal total enrollment of 12, at least 4 of whom must be graduate students. 100 level courses where graduate students constitute a majority of the enrollment are ineligible, as it is expected that the course will be taught at a graduate level.

In courses with fewer than 4 graduate students enrolled, instructors are strongly encouraged to offer other options to enrich the experience of any graduate students enrolled, such as additional office hours and/or more rigorous assignments

Compensation

Support for graduate discussion sections in eligible courses will take the form of additional compensation to the faculty offering the course. Compensation will normally be as follows:

- \$1,000/course for an additional section that meets every other week for at least 1 hour.
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Faculty may elect to receive compensation as either additional salary or a research fund. If compensation is taken as research support, it is preferred that the funds be spent within two years.