

600-level (graduate) courses tied to 400-level (undergraduate) courses

Background: According to our Graduate Handbook, PhD students are required to take ten graduate seminars (800-level courses) offered by the Department. Substitutions are allowed, including 600-level courses, but require permission of the Director of Graduate Studies. The policy below does not alter this aspect of our rules.

Policy (approved unanimously 4 Feb. 2022): At the request of a teaching faculty member, 400-level courses may be cross-listed at the 600-level, so that graduate students can take them. To be eligible for this cross-listing, the faculty member must submit a request to the scheduling committee within 1 month of the beginning of the term.

There is a limit to how many courses may be upgraded in this way in any given semester. Determination on whether a course may be upgraded is made by the scheduling committee in communication with the DGS.

If there are so many requests that granting them all would affect the planned graduate seminars, the scheduling committee and the DGS will determine which upgrade proposals are to be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- Whether the area distribution of planned seminars is creating a topic imbalance that would be improved by upgrading a 400-level class to 600-level. (E.g., in a term with no seminars in Philosophy of Mind, a proposal for a seminar in Philosophy of Mind.)
- Whether the faculty is also teaching a graduate seminar (or 600-level course) during that same academic year. Relatedly whether they have taught a graduate seminar (or 600-level course) during the prior year.
- Whether the faculty has been recently denied (or conversely, granted) a previous 600-upgrade request.