HU 5001
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Description
This course is supposed to be an introduction to the RTC Program, but in the past it has been only an introduction to the faculty who teach in the program and their research interests. I am trying out a few changes. I still want you to meet faculty and learn about their research interests, but I would like to accomplish that by foregrounding the program more. I thus will begin by introducing you to opportunities available in the program (TWIT, CIWIC, W.C., etc.). Then we will hear from Ms and PhD graduate students and committee members about their choice of projects. And we will look at relations between the program and the rest of the university (Gen Ed, Grad Studies, GSA). Next semester: faculty and graduate students’ research and conference presentations.

Week One
Introductions (sigh, again)
Question: what do you want to learn about in this course?
Discuss the history of the Core and Streams and other requirements.

Assignment: hook up with the graduate student I assign to you and ask them: what do you remember about the shape of the first year—high and low points—and what advice would you give to incoming first-year students?

Week Two
No class.

Week Three
Report back what you learned from your meetings
Assignment: look at a few copies of C&W, CCC, WPA and invent questions for the editors (Fact sheets/Penny)

Week Four
What is available in the program: TWIT, WC
**Week Five**  
What is available in the program: Journals, CIWIC  
Preparation for next few weeks: go over the RTC Handbook

**Week Six**  
Masters Options

**Week Seven**  
Masters Options  
Due: a statement about your plans, areas of study, kinds of project you are interested in (2-3 pages)

**Week Eight**  
PhD Comps Options

**Week Nine**  
PhD Thesis Options

**Week Ten**  
Methodology and Masters and PhD: Vicky

**Week Eleven**  
RTC connection to the university: General Education Program

**Week Twelve**  
RTC connection to the university: Graduate School  
RTC connection to GSA

**Week Thirteen**  
Interdisciplinarity

**Week Fourteen**  
Interdisciplinarity

**Week Fifteen**  
Interdisciplinarity  
Due: a revised statement about your plans, areas of study, kinds of project you are interested in (2-3 pages). Discuss.