

Teaching by Junior Faculty

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Classroom teaching is an important part of the tenure evaluation and the Department works to ensure that junior faculty have every opportunity to demonstrate that they can teach well. The Department must also staff 30 or more subjects per term with the best combination of instructors we can manage.

The teaching component of promotion in the School of Science requires the candidate demonstrate the ability to lead one of our undergraduate subjects. Good graduate teaching is also helpful, but not required. The Associate Head works with each candidate to find courses that best demonstrate the candidate's teaching skills and interests. It is quite common for a junior faculty member to teach a combination of graduate and undergraduate subjects, though the focus may be on just one or two subjects. Occasionally, a situation arises where a faculty member may teach a subject more than the usual three times, but such situations are exceptional.

Teaching preferences expressed by junior faculty are usually respected.