Teaching Assistants

The Department has two types of teaching assistants: **Course Assistants** (CAs) and **Writing Interns** (WIs). CAs and WIs have a similar role in the course, except CAs teach a discussion section which extends the conversation begun in the main course, and WIs teach writing seminars which focus on academic writing in the discipline.

The job of both CAs and WIs is to learn to teach by observing the instructor. They will teach sections with instructor guidance and assist in the evaluation of student work. Clerical work is not included in their job descriptions, so CAs and WIs should not be asked to prepare readings for reserve, for example. Faculty should expect to do these kinds of tasks themselves, or to hire a Research Assistant.