

**DATA**

Since Fall 2022, there have been 160 unique Freshman Seminars. We broke it down.



| “We put out a call for proposals  
| every year.”

“We accept courses that are good,  
so it doesn’t really matter what the  
distribution requirement is.” |

*Alec Dun*

*Director of the Freshman Seminar Program*



“Faculty from the natural sciences and engineering schools typically have less flexibility in their teaching schools, because certain sequential courses have to be taught every semester, whereas our humanities and social sciences faculty can teach more flexibly.”

*Alec Dun  
Director of the Freshman  
Seminar Program*



Freshman Seminars introduce the most new courses of any academic unit each term, but many of these seminars extend beyond a single semester. Out of the **232** FRS total courses offered across the six semesters, there are **101** courses that have been only offered once, **34** courses that were offered twice, and **21** that have been offered three times.



According to Dun, there is no preference for students who had not already enrolled in an FRS course in the Fall semester, and the algorithm “maximizes enrollment according to students’ prioritized lists.”

Dun believes the rumor of the algorithm prioritizing students who have yet to take a Freshman Seminar stems from an older system from around five years ago where students wrote applications for courses.

