Combined Classes

What is a Combined Class?
A combined class is when two (or more) different departments are offering the same course, taught by one instructor and covering material that’s pertinent to both (or all) of the departments’ subjects or fields of study.

EXAMPLE:
English 338, Studies in Renaissance Literature is combined for fall with Gender Studies 390, Topics in Gender Studies, each carrying the subtitle “Abstinence Education through Renaissance Tragedy.” The meeting information is exactly the same on both listings, since they are basically the same course: location, University Hall 112; meeting time, TTH 9:30 AM-10:50 AM; instructor Jeffrey Masten.

NOTE:
Although combined courses cover the same material and are for this reason the same course, they can have different course numbers for each department that is offering it; the combined courses can even be various level courses (a 300 level course can be combined with a 400 level course).

Why Offer Combined Courses?
Offering combined courses allows students to appropriately count the course toward their degree requirements. In other words, English majors will enroll in the English side of this course and Gender Studies majors will register for one of the spots open through the Gender Studies section of the class. Or, as in the case of an undergraduate course that’s combined with a graduate level course, the purpose for combining them is to allow students to register and count the course according to their careers.

Enrollment for Combined Courses:
There are two ways to run enrollment for combined courses:

1. Enrollment is divided between departments/programs: the enrollment cap for each class-in our example, English 338 and Gender Studies 390- is set at 10 and the total enrollment is set at 20.
2. Enrollment cap is set at 20 on each class, and so is the total enrollment on the combined sections page; when either class fills the enrollment is closed for both classes.