Wesleyan Graduate Liberal Studies
Guidelines/Expectations for Immersion Courses

Schedule
Immersion courses, like courses run during the regular term, meet for the minimum 30 hours but may be scheduled in a variety of ways. They may meet for five consecutive days, from 9 am to 5 pm; over two consecutive weekends, often including a Monday holiday; or over two or three weekends several weeks apart. They may be prior to the regular term, during the term, e.g., during spring break, or immediately following the term.

Course Syllabus
Every immersion course should have a syllabus available online with readings, assignments, and the class schedule. Before registering, students should read the syllabus on the course page in order to evaluate if the course (and workload) is a good fit.

Assignments
Students should plan to spend as much time working on each course outside of the actual class meetings as they do in a full term course. In general, we ask faculty to assign 10 to 15 hours of preparation for each meeting. Typically, work is assigned so that the great majority of the reading is completed before the class comes together, and written work may be staggered during the weeks prior to and after the course. This allows students an opportunity to really engage with the material in advance of the class meetings and have time to reflect and perhaps do research before writing the final paper if the course is a good fit for you.

Expectations
Due to the condensed class-meeting schedule, it is imperative that students attend every meeting and be actively engaged in the discussion. Students should be prepared to use Moodle, an online course management program (accessed through their e-portfolio), or a blog in the preparation period before and during the course.

Incompletes are not available to students taking a one-week immersion course, except by petition in the case of an emergency.

There will be a break during the day for a meal; students can bring food, purchase food on campus, or dine at nearby local restaurants. For campus food options and schedules of operation, check with Campus Dining at www.cafebonappetit.com

Housing
On-campus housing is available for the summer term. Nearby hotels often have special rates for our immersion sessions during the rest of the year.