

Graduate Course Description Form

Course Number:	IGC 708
Course Name:	AI-Ready Students: Teaching Ethics, Integrity & Critical Thinking
Instructor:	Casey Rekowski
Credits Earned:	3 Graduate Credits, which equates to: • 67.5 PDPs (courses taken prior to June 8, 2026) • 22.5 PDPs (courses taken after June 8, 2026)
Credits Issued By:	Gordon College
Course Fee:	\$675 (\$625 with early registration discount)

Course Description:

As AI tools become ubiquitous in students' lives, teachers face a pressing pedagogical challenge: how do we prepare students to use AI thoughtfully, ethically, and with intellectual integrity? This course equips Massachusetts educators to design student-facing AI learning experiences, establish clear and age-appropriate classroom AI norms, and address academic integrity in an AI-present world. Participants explore how AI intersects with student identity, critical thinking, and equity, and develop concrete frameworks for classroom implementation. This course is aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Design student-facing AI literacy learning experiences appropriate for your grade level and content area.
2. Develop clear, enforceable, and age-appropriate classroom AI use norms grounded in DESE's guidance.
3. Address academic integrity in an AI-present classroom using proactive design strategies rather than reactive enforcement.
4. Facilitate classroom discussions about AI ethics, bias, and equity that build students' critical thinking skills.
5. Create an implementation plan for teaching students to use AI as a learning tool rather than a shortcut.