

GCRReads 2021 Summary Report

Fifty-eight GCRReads microseminars were held on Friday August 13th as a required component of Weekend of Welcome. Microseminar sessions were scheduled across two 75-minute sessions, from 12:45-2pm and 2:15-3:30pm. Nearly every session was held in the Arts & Sciences Building. We had 46 faculty, staff, and administrators volunteer to facilitate sessions with representatives from every college.

Students were informed about GCRReads during their summer orientation session, and sent follow-up reminders via email. If students did not register themselves for a microseminar, they were assigned to one. This year 10 essays were selected for GCRReads under the theme of Reflecting on Civility. These essays were available to students at no cost through a libguide created by the GC library. Registration for GCRReads was also facilitated via LibGuide.

Student Feedback

205 students responded to the GCRReads Student Survey. Of these respondents:

- 97.1% of students indicated they read their assigned essay
- 91.2% of students felt GCRReads was a good introduction to academics at Georgia College
- 79.5% of students rated their GCRReads experience as “excellent” or “good”

Select comments from students:

It allowed me to see the different points of view, not only throughout the students in the class but understand the article on a deeper level.

The discussion was in-depth and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

My instructor was so welcoming and kind! He gave each student his phone number in case we ever need anything.

I learned so much!

Facilitator Feedback

- 24 facilitators responded to the GCRReads Facilitator Survey. Of these respondents:
- 88% rated their experience with GCRReads as “excellent” or “good”
- 71% reported that “all” or “most” of their students spoke up or otherwise participated
- 88% reported that organization of GCRReads was “excellent” or “good”

Select comment from a facilitator:

Had some great discussions with my group that led to making some good suggestions for their upcoming college experiences.