

TA Training Workshop

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Course Information

Fridays, 10:30am-11:50am
Building 460, room 120 (Greenberg Room)

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Course Description

The purpose of this course is to prepare you for teaching at the undergraduate level. We'll discuss your role as a teaching assistant, how to make decisions about teaching content and style, and how your teaching experiences relate to your academic career.

Course Goals

Each TA will:

- learn Stanford TA policy and departmental TA expectations, and have a plan for meeting those expectations
- be prepared to incorporate teaching into their other responsibilities as a graduate student
- design a course that they might teach in the future

Schedule

September 23, 2016

8:00am - 12:00pm VPTL TA orientation
12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm - 2:00pm Discuss TA orientation

September 30, 2016

September 30, 2010

Intro to TA training course

Your basic TA responsibilities

How TAing compares in the US vs. internationally

How TAing compares in the US vs. internationally Incorporating teaching into your other responsibilities

Assignment: Find a course idea, respond to an existing syllabus

October 7, 2016

Grad student panel

Setting course goals

Assignment: Course goals sections of the syllabus

October 14, 2016

Eve Clark's guest lecture: Providing student feedback and the Honor Code

Developing assessments

Assignment: Assessment section of the syllabus

October 21, 2016

No class this week

Assignment: Attend a section

October 28, 2016

Discuss assessment section of syllabus

Discuss sections we attended

Making course content decisions

Assignment: Set the schedule for your course

November 4, 2016

Discuss the course schedules

Discuss course policies

Assignment: Course policy section of the syllabus

November 11, 2016

John Rickford's guest presentation: How to lead productive discussion section

Bring in the whole syllabus and discuss

November 18, 2016

Rob Podesva's guest presentation: Teaching activities

Qualities of an effective lecture

Assignment: Develop a short lecture

November 25, 2016

No class, Thanksgiving Break

December 2, 2016

Short lecture presentations

December 9, 2016

Short lecture presentations