Spring Orientation for UNIV 400 A and B

Our orientation for graduate Teaching Assistants (TAs) wishing to register for UNIV 400 A (for native speakers of English) or UNIV 400 B (for international students) should attend the orientation on Tuesday, January 15, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in CLAPP 108. Pizza and bottled water will be served.

During their UNIV 400 orientation, international TAs will be asked to sign up for the CWRU Spoken English Placement Test. The dates and times for this testing are listed below. All testing will take place in Educational Services for Students (ESS), 470 Sears. Students should bring their course schedules and the correct spelling of their advisor's name, email address, and phone number to the testing. Testing dates will be provided at the orientation. Students not passing the CWRU Spoken English Placement Test will be required to take one of three English-as-a-second-language courses: UNIV 402 A (focusing on pronunciation), UNIV 402 B (focusing on fluency), or UNIV 402 C (focusing on presentations).

Students will complete drop/add forms to register for UNIV 400 A and B when they attend the orientation. They should not register through SIS.

Questions about the orientation, UNIV 400 A, UNIV 400 B, and UNIV 402 A,B, and C, should be directed to Judith Olson-Fallon, Director of Educational Services for Students (ESS) and the professor for this TA training. Judith can be reached by calling 368-5230, emailing UNIV400@case.edu, or by stopping by ESS in Sears 470.

You have two choices for enrolling in UNIV 400 A and B.

Choice 1: Training for graduate TAs who are planning to become professors: You will meet with Judith Olson-Fallon and invited guests for a discussion on Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in ESS beginning Thursday, January 24 and running January 31, February 7, 14, 21, and 28.

The text for this sessions is How Learning Words: 7 Research-based Principles for Smart Teaching by Susan A. Ambrose, Michael W. Bridges, Michele DiPietro, Marsha C. Lovett, and Marie K. Norman. Students signing up for this choice will be expected to purchase this text.

Students selecting this option for TA training will not use the website to register, but instead will sign in at the sessions. Students must attend all sessions on time and stay the entire 90 minutes to receive credit. Since the sessions are over the lunch hour, students are invited to bring a bag lunch and beverage. Students will sign up for this session at the January 15 Orientation and by email to Judith Olson-Fallon at univ400@case.edu by Friday, January 18 at 5 p.m. Enrollment is limited to 15 students. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Choice 2: Training for graduate students who are NOT planning to become professors: You must successfully complete four core seminars: (1) Experiential Learning for Multiple Learning Styles; (2) Inclusion; and (3) Academic Integrity: Fair and Supportive Academic Assessment for Content Areas, and (4) Observation and Observation Follow Up. You are also required to attend two elective seminars of your choice. You must be on time and stay for the entire seminar in order to receive credit. Some seminars are 90 minutes long; others are 60 minutes.

You will be asked to bring your CWRU Student ID card so that you can sign-in electronically. You will sign a second sign-in sheet at the end of the session just in case the electronic system fails us. If we don't have your attendance recorded, you will not receive credit for that particular seminar.

You may review your progress in UNIV 400 and register for seminars on your Attendance & Grade page. You have two consecutive semesters to complete UNIV 400 A or UNIV 400 B.