UC Santa Barbara's Campus Wide TA Orientation

Tuesday, September 29th, 9:00am-1:00pm

Register for TA Orientation here: https://tinyurl.com/UCSBTA2020

Co-Sponsored by: UCSB Graduate Division and Instructional Development

The TA Orientation helps you prepare for becoming an effective TA or Reader. It is required for all new graduate student Teaching Assistants (TAs), and Readers, even if your first appointment is not until Winter or Spring Quarter. At TA Orientation, you will:

- Participate in interactive workshops facilitated by faculty and experienced TAs;
- Share teaching strategies with colleagues from other departments;
- Learn about your rights and responsibilities as a TA;
- Explore campus-based resources to support students and TAs;

TA Orientation satisfies part of the requirements for the Certificate in College and University Teaching (CCUT)! Learn more here.

Format of Events

The TA Orientation will include both independent and "live" activities:

- Independent online activities to complete by 9/29 (TA Orientation).
- Attend two Zoom workshops offered hourly between 9am-1pm and 5-7pm on 9/29. Zoom links will be sent to registered participants.

Registered participants will be sent the program and workshop registration information a week before TA Orientation.

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Tentative workshop topics include:

- The First Day of Class
- Creating Inclusive Classrooms in Zoom
- Leading Discussion Sections in Zoom
- International TAs: What to Expect
- Leading Lab Sections
- TAing Engineering Sections
- Conducting Discussion on Sensitive Topics
- Grading Student Writing