

Kaneb Center TA Orientation 2013

Preparing to TA at Notre Dame



DAY 1: Thursday, August 22

Time	Place	Topic	Presented by	Learning Objectives
12:45 PM	DeBartolo Hall Atrium	Registration	Joanna Sherbun Amy Buchmann Greg Shufeldt Karen Ostdiek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning Staff.
1:00-1:05 PM	Room 102 DeBartolo Hall	Welcome, Orientation Overview, Introductions	Kevin Barry Amy Buchmann Greg Shufeldt Karen Ostdiek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline orientation goals and agenda. Introduce key contacts and resources.
1:05-2:15 PM	Room 102 DeBartolo Hall	Approaching the First Day of Class and Setting the Tone for the Semester	George Lopez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify effective practices and strategies for creating a positive learning environment for students. Develop practices for interacting with supervising faculty.
2:15-2:45 PM BREAK				
2:45-4:15 PM	Room 102 DeBartolo Hall	Navigating Difficult Classroom Situations	Stew Markel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss effective strategies for addressing potential challenges associated with being a Teaching Assistant or Instructor of Record. Examine and assess real world examples of difficult situations instructors may face. Build a network of Teaching Assistants.

DAY 2: Friday, August 23				
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8:30-9:00 AM	DeBartolo Hall Atrium	Continental Breakfast	Kevin Barry Amy Buchmann Joanna Sherbun Greg Shufeldt Karen Ostdiek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conversation and networking with attendees and Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning Staff.
9:00-10:15 AM	Room 131 DeBartolo Hall	Leading Effective Discussions	Essaka Joshua	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Practice effective strategies for beginning, maintaining, and ending class discussions. ▪ Brainstorm ideas for turning discussion challenges into learning opportunities.
9:00-10:30 AM	Room 126 DeBartolo Hall	Succeeding as a TA in Lab and Tutorial Settings	Sarah West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Apply effective strategies for leading students through labs and tutorials. ▪ Anticipate potential risks and response strategies in lab and tutorial settings.
10:30-10:45 PM BREAK				
10:45-12:00 PM	Room 131 DeBartolo Hall	Grading Student Work	Ted Beatty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Differentiate between grading approaches and recognize best practices for effective grading.
10:45-12:00 PM	Room 126 DeBartolo Hall	Strategies & Techniques for International Teaching Assistants	Stew Markel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Examine the concept of culture and its influence on teaching and communication in the US classroom. ▪ Discuss effective strategies for building rapport when speaking with students. ▪ Assess techniques for presenting content such as comparison, narration, description and explanation.

Please watch for an email from the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning asking for feedback on your Orientation experience. We greatly appreciate your comments and suggestions.