

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