SFASU Course Catalog Description
Two-semester training and supervision for GTAs teaching first-year composition. Instruction and support in administering a freshman-writing course as established in the goals and guidelines for English 131 and 132. Pass/Fail. Required for GTAs concurrent with their teaching English 131 and 132 for the first time.

Credit-hour Justification
ENGL 5181 "Practicum Teaching 132" (1 credit) typically meets once every week for 50 minutes, and also meets for a 2-hour final group teaching reflection. Students are expected to arrive prepared to discuss the pre-assigned teaching topic. These discussions focus on professionalization, practical experience, and real-world application of pedagogical theory. The course is assessed through active discussion along with informal in-class writing responses.

Student Learning Outcomes
1. Understand and apply relevant composition studies research in the creation of course content and pedagogical practices for teaching ENG 131 and 132.
2. Develop practices for sustaining professional development in the teaching of writing.

Required Materials
- Teacher’s notebook

Course Activities
- Discuss topics related to the classes we are currently teaching.
- Workshop writing prompts, classroom activities, handouts etc.
- Practice responding to and assessing student writing.

Schedule
Meetings will begin with a discussion of our teaching during the previous week followed by discussion and/or writing activities chosen by the class (e.g. workshopping an upcoming writing assignment).
Assessment:
Assessment in this class is based on Jane Danielewicz and Peter Elbow’s hybrid model of contract grading as described in their article, “A Unilateral Grading Contract to Improve Learning and Teaching.” A copy of the article is on Brightspace. We will read and discuss the article later in the semester.

You will earn an A grade by:

- Faithfully participating in class discussion and writing activities,
- Completing readings as assigned by the class.

You will earn a grade of B or lower by not completing these activities or accumulating more than two absences.

Attendance
Absences beyond two will negatively affect your grade.

Academic Integrity
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Late Work
Any work proposed and agreed to by the class will be due as assigned.

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**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)**

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**Students with Disabilities**

*Please copy and paste the following statement and place in your course syllabus.*

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

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Mental Health and Wellness

SFA values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students' mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

On-campus Resources:

- SFA Counseling Services
  www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices
  Rusk Building, 3rd Floor
  936.468.2401

- SFA Human Services Counseling Clinic
  www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp
  Human Services, Room 202
  936.468.1041

Crisis Resources:
Burke 24-hour crisis line: 1.800.392.8343
Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1.800.273.TALK (8255)
Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741