Practicum Teaching
ENGL 5181

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Department: English and Creative Writing
Class meeting time and place: Tuesdays and Thursdays, FERG 483

Course 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.

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.

Text and Materials
- Teacher’s Journal

Course Contact Hours
ENGL 5181 "Practicum Teaching" (1 credit) 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 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.

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

Student Learning Outcomes

Course Calendar
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).

Grading Policy and Class Attendance
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.

**Academic Integrity**

The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outlines the prohibited conduct by any student enrolled in a course at SFA. It is the responsibility of all members of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to and uphold this policy.

Articles IV, VI, and VII of the new Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outline the violations and procedures concerning academic conduct, including cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying from the test paper (or other assignment) of another student, (2) Possession and/or use during a test of materials that are not authorized by the person giving the test, (3) Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of a non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters without permission of the Faculty member, (4) Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for one’s self, to take a test, (5) Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit, (6) Using any sort of unauthorized resources or technology in completion of educational activities.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source or the use of one’s own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously, without any indication of the original source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one’s own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course or degree requirements.

Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any provision of the rules on academic dishonesty, including disclosing and/or distributing the contents of an exam.

Misrepresentation is providing false grades or résumés; providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or to injure another student academically or financially.

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (5.5).**

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 coursework 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 to compute the grade point average. For additional information, go to [https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades-5.5.pdf](https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades-5.5.pdf).

**Students with Disabilities**

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 promptly may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/).

**Student Wellness and Well-Being**

SFA values students’ overall well-being, mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. Students may experience stressors that can impact both their academic experience and their personal well-being. These may include academic pressure and challenges associated with relationships, emotional well-being, alcohol and other drugs, identities, finances, etc.

If you are experiencing concerns, seeking help, 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:
The Dean of Students Office (Rusk Building, 3rd floor lobby)
www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents
936.468.7249
dos@sfasu.edu

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

The Health and Wellness Hub “The Hub”
Location: corner of E. College and Raguet St.

To support the health and well-being of every Lumberjack, the Health and Wellness Hub offers comprehensive services that treat the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Services include:
- Health Services
- Counseling Services
- Student Outreach and Support
- Food Pantry
- Wellness Coaching
- Alcohol and Other Drug Education
- www.sfasu.edu/thehub
- 936.468.4008
- thehub@sfasu.edu

Crisis Resources:
- Burke 24-hour crisis line: 1.800.392.8343
- National Suicide Crisis Prevention: 9-8-8
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1.800.273.TALK (8255)
- johCrisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741