

Economics 805
Teaching Methods in Economics
Fall 2022

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Credits:	variable (usually 1) credit
Meeting Times:	11:00 am - 1:00 pm on Wednesdays in Gardner 308 according to the schedule on page 2 of this syllabus
Website:	http://sakai.unc.edu

Course Description:

ECON 805 provides mandatory training to graduate students who are serving as teaching assistants for the first time during the academic year. This course is the first part of the Teacher Training Program (TTP), which has been part of the curriculum of the Department of Economics at UNC since 1978. The TTP is designed to help you develop a teaching style that works for you and your students. There is no one right way to teach, and there are many effective teaching styles. The TTP provides you with the opportunity to learn about different teaching methods and how to use them in your classroom. It also provides you with "90/90" suggestions--suggestions about teaching that work 90 percent of the time for 90 percent of instructors. The time you devote to this program will pay large dividends, measured by the efficiency with which you undertake your teaching responsibilities, by your comfort level in the classroom and by the amount of learning achieved by your students.

Course Objectives:

ECON 805 aims to

1. Explain your role as a TA by communicating departmental and university expectations and policies.
2. Give you an opportunity to practice teaching a recitation and gain useful feedback.
3. Teach fundamental principles of effective lecturing and active learning exercises.
4. Assist you in learning how to develop a supportive and welcoming classroom community.
5. Prepare you to grade efficiently without bias while giving students constructive feedback.
6. Help you anticipate and navigate difficult teaching situations.

Expectations:

This class is based on collaborative discourse. As such, being prepared to participate in class by completing the reading assignment in advance is a course requirement. Moreover, class attendance is mandatory! You may only miss a class if you have a university approved absence communicated to me in advance by email at sheran@unc.edu. In such an occurrence, we will work out a plan for you to make up the missed class. Because it negatively affects participation and class climate, **all laptop, tablet, and cell phone usage is prohibited during class** unless you are using your device to support class activities or discussions.

Schedule:

Session 1: Introduction and Expectations	Wednesday, August 17
Session 2: In Front of the Classroom- Part 1	Wednesday, August 24
Session 3: In Front of the Classroom- Part 2	Wednesday, August 31
Session 4: Guiding on the Side	Wednesday, September 7
Session 5: Behind the Scenes and in the Long	Wednesday, September 14