

Intro to PIE

An Overview of Services, Resources, & Events

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Our Purpose

- The Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE), a unit of The Graduate School strives to enrich the learning experience for undergraduate students at FSU by supporting the teaching efforts of graduate student teaching assistants through its various services. PIE offers professional development programs that create opportunities to foster a sense of collaboration and community among all graduate student teaching assistants, and any graduate student interested in learning about best practices in teaching and learning at FSU.
- Website: <https://pie.fsu.edu/>

Goals and Objectives:

- Promote FSU nationally and internationally as a leading research university committed to student learning.
- Orient graduate students to the University, its teaching policies, resources, and services.
- Provide awareness of teaching and learning best practices to improve the quality of undergraduate instruction by graduate student teaching assistants.
- Highlight and reward excellent teaching by graduate students.
- Support departments in developing departmental teaching assistant training programs.
- Establish mentoring relationships between experienced & new graduate student teaching assistants.
- Provide graduate students with opportunities for peer review of instruction.
- Provide teaching, leadership, mentoring, and service experiences designed to prepare graduate students for the range of responsibilities they will meet as future faculty members.

PIE University-Mandated TA Trainings

Biannual PIE Teaching Conference

- PIE's "standard" training; offered spring & fall semesters only
- Includes Day 1 & Day 2 topics – requirements for TA positions vary by role/department
- Asynchronous Canvas portions (Due 8/15) and Synchronous Zoom portions (8/17 for Day 1 and 8/18 for Day 2)
- Check with your department to determine postdoc requirements
- Content covers required teaching policy & best practices in teaching
- More information/registration on our website:

<https://pie.fsu.edu/biannual-pie-teaching-conference-category-5-ta-training-mandatory-ta-training>

Category 5 TA Training

- Day 1 & Day 2 of the Biannual PIE Teaching Conference is a prerequisite (also only offered Spring & Fall)
- Category 5 = Totally asynchronous Canvas training
- Content specifically geared toward the Category 5 TA role/unique aspect of assisting in graduate level courses
- Check with your department to determine postdoc requirements
- More information/registration on our website:

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What Do We Offer TAs, Instructors, & Anyone Interested in Teaching?

Services

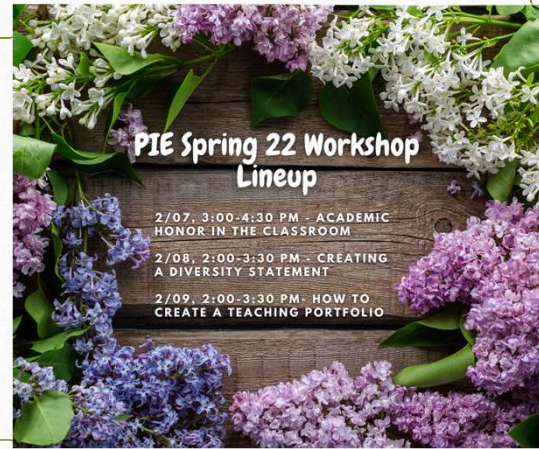
- Mandatory TA Training
 - Biannual PIE Teaching Conference (offered Spring/Fall, not in Summer)
 - Category 5 TA Training
- Year-Round Workshops
- Basics of Teaching Course
- Peer Teaching Observations
- Open House Zoom Hours/Consultations with experienced TAs
- Spring Book Clubs
- OTAA
- Monthly Newsletter/Social Media Teaching Tips

Other Resources

- TA Community Support Site
- Job aids, readings, how-to videos, office hours, & more!
- TA Handbooks/other pedagogy
- Workshop recording archive
- Periodic needs assessment circulation to the university to determine TA needs
- TA Spotlight
- Slice of Advice Submissions

PIE Coffee Hour & Teaching Workshops

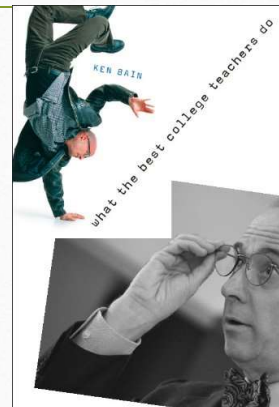
- Some virtual; some face-to-face with refreshments in the future
- 90-minute workshops on various topics in teaching
- Year-round; different topics each semester
- Great professional development experience for your CV/resume!
- Spring Example:



PIE Book Clubs

Pedagogy-Based Spring Book Clubs

- Zoom pedagogy discussions
- Typically books that are inexpensive or free through FSU libraries
- Great opportunities to expand pedagogical understanding and network with other scholars
- Attend as few or as many sessions as you'd like; this is a welcoming, casual learning environment
- Spring 2022 example:



Peer Teaching Observations

- No-stakes observation of face-to-face or online classrooms (depending on current department guidelines)
- No stakes = Feedback is strictly for the TA who requested the observation
- Great professional development experience for CV/resume!
- Request an observation here:
https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ahINuKgxV1pwTVr

Newsletter/ Social Media Interactions

- Keep up-to-date with our various events, resources, and upcoming projects!
- Learn more about relevant pedagogy—carefully selected and discussed by our newsletter team
- Explore our new Coping with COVID column for tips on how to conduct an effective, COVID-safe classroom
- Submit topic ideas to our slice of advice column—what topics are you interested in seeing our experienced cover in the newsletter?
- Nominate a fabulous TA you know to see them featured in a TA spotlight post; these may appear in the newsletter or in our social media!

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A SOCIAL MEDIA & NEWSLETTER INITIATIVE

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FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR EVENT/RESOURCES HIGHLIGHTS!



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Know an amazing TA who deserves recognition? Scan the code and submit their name for a chance to see them highlighted!



PIE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Each month, our newsletter committee puts together an interesting, interactive report filled with highlights, upcoming events, TA spotlights, teaching tips, and advice columns! Want to submit teaching/graduate school questions/advice requests? Scan the bar code to submit a topic for our committee to write about in next month's edition!



Complete the survey for a chance to have your topic of interest covered in our "Slice of Advice" column!

TA Community Support Site

- Self-enroll into this site to access:
 - Readings
 - Job aids
 - Free teaching template documents
 - FAQs
 - Discipline-specific teaching tips
 - How-to videos
- Open House Hours with PIE Associates
 - Bring your questions or simply topics you'd like to brainstorm with experienced TAs!
 - Bring specific questions or simply come to our Open House Hours to discuss with PIE staff! (Fall & Spring)
 - Self-enroll here: <https://canvas.fsu.edu/enroll/JB4D8K>



Another Note on Open House Hours...

- Our PIE Services Committee also spearheads our Teaching Philosophy Statement & Diversity Statement Consultations!
- These statements are often a crucial component of teaching jobs; come to PIE Office Hours for feedback on these statements!
- Email pie-info@fsu.edu if you are interested

INTERESTED IN FEEDBACK ON YOUR TEACHING PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT?

PIE CAN HELP!

During Fall and Spring semesters, our PIE Services Committee Members can offer teaching philosophy statement consultations. Attend their Zoom office hours or contact us at pie-info@fsu.edu to request this service.



Basics of Teaching Course

- Overview: <https://youtu.be/Utb9bEIl6SQ>
- Free, self-paced asynchronous Canvas course that covers foundational teaching knowledge
- Zero credit hours; yields completion certificate
- Must complete within 2 consecutive semester
- Personalized feedback on all assignments/artifacts submitted to the course



Basics of Teaching @ FSU



Welcome to Basics of Teaching @ FSU online teaching training.

Please start from reading the course syllabus and access the training content in Modules.

You have **two consecutive semesters** to complete the training. To earn the Advanced PIE Teaching Training Recognition, all course work must reach a satisfactory score as defined in the grading policy in the syllabus. In addition, you must have attended at least **two PIE Workshops**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at pie-info@fsu.edu.

Thanks for listening! 😊

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