

3400:690 - History Teaching Practicum
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Wednesdays, 5:10-6, Arts and Sciences Room 209

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This course is designed to assist graduate students, particularly new teaching assistants, in their adjustment to their professional lives as historians. Selected topics will include managing and leading classes, negotiating the requirements of a graduate program such as the one here at UA, planning research, participating in conferences, publishing, and preparing to apply for jobs or Ph.D. programs. The major collective project of this group will be to take the lead in organizing the fifth annual Akron-Kent Graduate Student History Conference.

Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all class meetings, to engage in class discussions (including preparing written materials when requested) and to pull their weight in helping to organize the UA-KSU conference. Practicum students are also required to attend all lectures and research presentations sponsored by the department throughout the academic year. While this course will only meet regularly in the fall semester, final grades will be submitted at the end of the spring semester.

Class schedule:

24 August (Monday): Getting acquainted

2 September: Degree requirements and areas of concentration

9 September: Planning a course - syllabus design

16 September: First meeting regarding graduate conference

23 September: How to get students to actually discuss things in discussion

30 September: Grading and other issues in discussion sections

7 October: Writing a thesis or dissertation

14 October: Second meeting regarding graduate conference

21 October: Submitting a conference proposal

28 October: Publishing your work - articles and reviews

4 November: Third meeting regarding graduate conference

11 November: Publishing your work - the monograph

18 November: Applying for a job - the c.v.

25 November: Check final details regarding graduate conference (Thanksgiving week)

2 December: Graduate conference