

Is TA Orientation required for all graduate students?

If you are a first-time teaching assistant or have not previously completed TAD, attendance at TA Orientation is mandated by Arizona State University.

When is the next TA Orientation?

TA Orientation for the Spring 2017 semester will be held on **Friday, January 5 (8 a.m. – 1 p.m.)** in the Memorial Union Building's Ventana Ballrooms.

How do I sign up to attend TA Orientation?

You can register to attend the next orientation at <https://graduate.asu.edu/ta-ra>. Please note that you must register to attend TA Orientation. All Pre-Orientation Modules must be completed via Blackboard before your Orientation session.

You will be required to log in with your ASURITE ID and password. If you are unsure of your ASURITE ID or have difficulty accessing Blackboard with it, click [here](#).

The day of the orientation please arrive early so we can begin on time as we have a full agenda. The doors will close 15 minutes after the session begins. **Anyone arriving after the doors close will not be allowed to enter.**

How do I access the TAD Blackboard?

To access the TAD Blackboard shell, click on the 'Blackboard' link in the 'My Classes' section of your My ASU page. The TAD Blackboard module is listed as 'Teaching Assistant Development (TAD).' If you are not yet enrolled in TAD, see "TAD Program" on <https://graduate.asu.edu/ta-ra> for instructions on enrolling.

I was not able to attend TA Orientation. What do I do now?

TA Orientation is required of all new TAs. TA Orientation is offered in both fall and spring semesters. If you are not able to attend TA Orientation in the semester you start your TA appointment, you are still required to enroll in the TAD Blackboard course (see 'TAD Program' on <https://graduate.asu.edu/ta-ra> for instructions and timelines for this process) that semester, completing all pre-orientation modules and developmental experiences. Once you are enrolled in TAD, you must attend TA Orientation the following semester.

TA Orientation Make-Up Policy (for online/out-of-state TAs)

If you are incapable of attending TA Orientation due to physical limitations (resides out of state as a continuing graduate student or online student only), Graduate College may offer an alternate option on a case-by-case basis. To be considered for an alternate TA Orientation option, email tad-q@asu.edu.

How do I confirm that I have completed the TA Orientation Pre-Orientation modules?

It is the responsibility of each student to save and record any post-assessment completion certificates or documentation for your individual records.

Why don't I see a grade for my attendance at the TA Orientation session?

Attendance will be recorded at TA Orientation. In order to receive credit for attending, you will need your ASU ID number; this ten-digit number can be found on your Student ID card or My ASU page.

Note: due to the high number of students attending TA Orientation, it may take up to 4 weeks for your attendance status to be updated in the TAD Blackboard grade center. Graduate College will post an announcement in Blackboard and via email once attendance has been posted.

If you do not see a grade posted once it has been announced that attendance grades are available, please contact Graduate College at tad-q@asu.edu.

Do I have to attend TA Orientation every semester?

No; all new TAs take TA Orientation only in the first or second semester of their TA appointment.

If I do not yet have a teaching assistantship, how do I apply for one?

TA positions are offered and managed by individual departments. For information about open positions and application processes, please contact your academic department. Though award processes vary by department, generally, you must apply separately for an assistantship once admitted to your graduate program of study. In most departments, admission to a graduate program is not a guarantee of the availability of TA positions or funding.