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New GTAs  August 28, 2012
GTAs Teach

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- English/Composition
- Geological Sciences
- Mathematics/Statistics
- Physics
- Mechanical/Industrial Engineering/Environmental Health and Safety
- Music
Benefits of being a GTA

- Pay
- Tuition
- Medical Coverage
- Teaching Experience
- Resume builder

- KNOWLEDGE—when you have to teach it you really have to learn it
GTAs ARE IMPORTANT!!!
UMD’s Mission & Vision &Goal 3

http://www.d.umn.edu/chancellor/planning/plan.html
Expectations of a GTA

• This is Your Top Priority
• On Time
• Prepared
• Professional Appearance
• Professional Behavior

http://www1.umn.edu/usenate/scfa/consensual.html
Teaching Tips

• Preparation, Preparation, Preparation
• Presentation, Speaking
• Enthusiasm
• Be Aware of Learning Styles
• Learning Outcomes
• Grading-prompt, fair, clear

FERPA

- http://onestop.umn.edu/staff/ferpa_tutorial/
Time Management

• $\frac{1}{2}$ Time GTA + your classes + your Thesis/Plan B project = $\gg\gg\gg\gg\gg$ 40 hours per week
Time Management

• But there is time for other activities
Duluth and Northeastern Minnesota, a Great Location!
Time Management

• The Key is Don’t Waste Time

• http://www.phdcomics.com/comics/archive.php?comicid=1015
Classroom Climate

• Strategic Plan Goal 2
• http://www.d.umn.edu/chancellor/climate/
• http://www.d.umn.edu/vcaa/TeachingLearning.html
• http://www.d.umn.edu/vcaa/documents/ClassroomDisruption1_000.pdf
• Sessions on Wednesday
Resources—Where To Go For Help

• Program Orientation Sessions
• Advisor
• Instructor Of Record In Course
• Department Head
• Graduate Office
• Returning GTAs
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Grad Students August 30, 2012
UMD’s Mission & Vision & Goal 3

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Goal 3

• Students, Programs, Growth
• Superior COGS
• Dissemination of Grad Student Scholarship
• Informal Gatherings—save the date, Monday September 10, 4:30 PM (exact time tentative)
UMD Grad Web Page

http://www.d.umn.edu/grad/

- Registration
- Petitions
- Degree Program Form
- Progress Toward Degree
- Advisor Assignment
- Examining Committee
- Thesis
- Commencement
- Travel Funds
Resources

• Grad Office 420 Darland ext 7523
• Advisor
• DGS
• DGS Assistant/Office Staff