



English 390A Application Tutoring Practicum in Writing for First Year Composition

We invite you to apply for ENGL 390A, a course offered in the Fall 2008 semester that prepares students to become Undergraduate Teaching Assistants—peer tutors for English 106 and 108 in the Writing Lab. English 390A covers tutoring theory, tutoring strategies, and Purdue's first year composition curriculum. Many of our former tutors have found that their unique Writing Lab experience was impressive to employers and graduate programs.

Prerequisites

1. ENGL 106 **or** ENGL 108
2. 3.0 GPA

Once you complete ENGL 390A, you will be considered for a paid tutoring position—as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (UTA)—starting in the spring semester. UTAs work at least three hours in the Writing Lab each week, attend a meeting with fellow UTAs, and participate in Writing Lab projects and on-going training.

Course Requirements

1. Attend a one-hour weekly class and complete reading and writing assignments.
2. Spend 1.5 additional hours in the Writing Lab each week performing observations and practice tutorials.
3. Complete an additional writing project for an optional third credit.

Applying for the Course

1. Go to <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/writinglab/topic/undergradjobs/>, complete the application, and submit it to Tammy Conard-Salvo in the Writing Lab, HEAV 226, or via email at tcsalvo@purdue.edu by **Friday, February 15, 2008**.
2. Include a graded writing project from any course. This can be a research project, essay, or a multimedia writing project. Please contact Tammy Conard-Salvo at 494-4102 or tcsalvo@purdue.edu if you have any questions about the type of project you should submit.
3. Ask an instructor to fill out the recommendation form (available online) and send it to Tammy Conard-Salvo in the Writing Lab, 226 Heavilon Hall, or via email at tcsalvo@purdue.edu by **Friday, February 15, 2008**.

We will review all applications and then select the strongest candidates to enroll in English 390B. We try to mail acceptance letters as soon as possible so that you can work the class into your schedule for next semester. If you would like more information concerning this practicum, contact Tammy Conard-Salvo at 494-4102 or tcsalvo@purdue.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

GPA _____ Classification _____

Major _____ Expected Grad Date _____

1. Indicate any courses you have taken which you feel are relevant to tutoring writing. Please list titles of courses, rather than course numbers. Also, describe any teaching, tutoring, or other relevant experience you have had.

2. Have you used the Writing Lab at Purdue? Why or why not?

3. Describe the benefits (personal and/or professional) that you expect to receive from participating in a practicum on tutoring for ENG 106/108 (first year composition). How will this class help you to achieve the goals you have for yourself?

4. What else would you like us to know about you?

Please return this form, along with a graded writing project, to the Writing Lab, 226 HEAV. The attached recommendation form should be submitted by an instructor of your choice. All materials must be received by Friday, February 15 2008.