

Returning TA Application
2008-2009
Speech Communication, SIUE
DUE: February 18, 2008 to the Director of Graduate Studies (Dr. Wai Cheah)

Please complete the following data (printed legibly or typed).

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Soc Sec #: _____
_____ Birthdate: _____

Telephone Numbers (where it is best to reach you): _____

Email Address: _____

Returning Teaching Assistantship Duties:

Teaching assistants teach *two sections* of the Basic Course, either SPC 103 or SPC 105, as assigned by the Basic Course Director (Dr. Alicia Alexander). We cannot promise that you will teach the courses of your preference, but the Basic Course Director will consider your preference when assigning courses.

Returning Teaching Assistant Requirements:

- Attend all TA training and meetings (as called for by the Basic Course Director)

Applying for a Teaching Assistantship:

- Complete this form and submit it to Dr. Cheah no later than February 18th at noon.

Please **type** your answers to the following questions on a separate page (or more) and attach them to this TA application cover page.

1. Why do you want to teach another year?

2. From your Student Evaluations of the Course (if they are available on time):

(a) Provide a one-page summary of the statistics from the student evaluations for all the courses that you have taught. (i.e., what was the mean for each item; break it down by class)

(b) Provide a summary of the written comments:

- what did the students see as your strong points?
- what did the students see as your weak points?

Discuss whether or not you agree or disagree with them.

If you agree with their comments on your weaknesses, what will you do differently in order to become a better teacher?

3. As a returning TA, we expect that you will take on additional responsibilities by helping the new TAs (i.e., be a resource for them). In what other ways do you see yourself contributing to the department and the basic course?