

English Composition 499: Academic Professionalization Colloquium

*Success is where preparation
and opportunity meet.*

- Bobby Unser

NEW COURSE

SPRING 2017

Every Other Friday

5 total meetings

Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, & 9

2:00pm to 4:50pm



Why take a course on academic professionalization?

Today's vastly changing academic landscape poses obvious challenges and concerns for the future career trajectories of up-and-coming academic professionals. This course, which focuses on cultivating academic professionalism, tackles these uncertainties through applied preparation. By exploring both traditional and non-traditional forms of academic professionalization, which can lead to very different, yet equally rewarding career outcomes, the course aims to provide a sense of control to the post-degree employment process through informed agency and concerted planning.

What, specifically, is this course about?

English Composition 499 is a 2-unit, S/U graduate seminar designed to engage graduate students in active discussion and preparation for the future job market they face and their eventual job search objectives. The course explores themes of academic professionalization through in class discussions among peers and with invited expert panels, who themselves vary in both background and academic career pursuits. Course activities are designed to be practical in nature, and focus on understanding job searches, building appropriate CVs / resumes, writing cover letters, developing digital teaching portfolio materials, and preparing for eventual job searches and job talks.

How can I learn more about this course?

Please feel free to contact me directly at your earliest convenience if you would like more information or if you would simply like to introduce yourself and inquire about how you, specifically, can benefit from this course. You can reach me at jkkelley@humnet.ucla.edu.

I look forward to hearing from you!

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