### **SYLLABUS**

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**Office Hours:** By appointment

**Meeting Times:** Lectures: Friday 12:20pm-2:05pm

All lectures meet in room EOP 270

# **Purpose:**

This course is designed to prepare and assist you during your role as a Graduate Student Teacher (GST) and make you into an effective teacher and communicator. As PhD students, you are not only generators of new knowledge through your research but also transmitters of established knowledge through your role as GSTs. This course will focus on improving the latter by teaching you established methods on effective techniques to transmit knowledge in the classroom.

"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." – Isaac Newton

## **Expectations:**

- I expect you to attend all classes and be on time. If you are going to miss a class, email me in advance. You do not need to give me a reason.
- I expect you to participate in class.
- I expect you will complete all individual assignments.

#### **Grading:**

The course grade is Pass/Fail. There are no quizzes or exams in this class. Your grade is based on a combination of attendance, class participation, individual written and oral assignments, and input from both your course faculty supervisor and peer mentor/mentee. To pass the class you must complete all assignments on time and cannot miss more than one class.

**Textbook:** Recommended Textbook: David, Barbara G. "*Tools for Teaching*", 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, John Wiley and Sons, 2009.

#### **Ethical Responsibilities:**

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignments is an infringement on engineering ethics and will be dealt with accordingly. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense and should not be taken lightly. Understanding your ethical responsibilities is an integral part of becoming a professional engineer. Please recall that when you enrolled at Boston University, you agreed to an Academic Honesty Pledge. A copy of this pledge can be found in your student handbook. It details your responsibilities as well as the results of code violations.

#### **Incompletes:**

Incompletes will be permitted only for extenuating circumstances, and must be arranged before the end of the semester.

## **Course Schedule:**

Class	Topic	Assignment Due
Lecture 1: 1/27/2023	Rules, Roles, and	None
	Responsibilities of a GTF	
Lecture 2: 2/3/2023	Getting Under Way,	Bring a typed
	Syllabus, Discussion	response to items 1, 2,
		6, and 8 of "Top Ten
		To-Dos"
Lecture 3: 2/10/2023	Discussions (cont.)	Edit your syllabus
Lecture 4: 2/17/2023	Clickers	Clicker Presentation
		Due
Lecture 5: 2/24/2023	Clickers (cont.)/	Clicker Presentation
	Lectures	Due
Lecture 6: 3/3/2023	Giving a Scientific Talk	Scientific Talk Due
Lecture 7: 3/17/2023	Giving a Scientific Talk	Scientific Talk Due
	(cont.)	
Lecture 8: 3/31/2023	Present a concept in 15	Presentations Due
	minutes	
Lecture 9: 4/7/2023	Present a concept in 15	Presentations Due
	minutes (cont.)	
Lecture 10: 4/14/2023	Scientific Ethics	Course Assessment

# **Students with Disabilities**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed.

# **Religious Observation**

I respect individuals' rights to follow their own religious expression. Please let me know if a religious observation conflicts with a due date.