

Adjunct Faculty Academic Calendar

August:

16 Adjunct Faculty Orientation
5:00-9:00PM
Curtiss Hall, Banquet Room A

20 Submit syllabi to Adjunct Faculty
Support Programs Office, SE-201,
for printing. Call x4050 for info

27 Fall 2012 Semester
First Day of Class

September:

3-4 Labor Day Recess, **No Classes**

November:

21-25 Thanksgiving Recess, **No Classes**

December:

8 Fall 2012 Classes End

10-15 Final Exams

14 Commencement

19 Grades Due to Registrar by Noon

July Workshops

(register at – svsu.edu/workshops)

17 Creating a Website: Wix.com
1-2:00 pm
C-147

24 Snap 10 Web Survey
10-11:30am
C-147

26 Introduction to VSpace
10-11:30am
Z-302

27 PowerPoint: 2010 Level 1
1-2:00pm
C-141

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Adjunct Faculty Orientation: Prepare for 2012-13 Academic Year

It may not be time to put away the camping gear quite yet, but it is time to put at least one very important date in your calendar: August 16, 2012, 5:00-9:00 p.m. is when the Fall 2012 Adjunct Faculty Orientation will take place in the Banquet Rooms in Curtiss Hall. Adjunct Faculty attendees will receive a \$50 stipend and the chance to enjoy a very nice dinner and the always illuminating company of deans, department chairs, and fellow Adjunct Faculty Instructors. This year's Adjunct Faculty Orientation offers attendees the kind of valuable workshops they've come to expect, filled with professional development opportunities, information about the ins and outs of SVSU, and tips they can use in the classroom.

The Fall 2012 Orientation begins with dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by eighteen 45-minute workshops. Each attendee will have the chance to attend three workshops. First-time adjunct faculty will be required to attend the "Adjunct Faculty 101" session. Workshop topics include: beginner and advanced VSpace training; classroom management techniques; identifying and using library resources; unleashing the tools of smart podiums; creating syllabi, cheat-proof assignments, and formative assessments; and an overview of MapWorks, a new software program intended to increase student success by identifying at-risk students before they drop out.

Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for your invitation to the Fall 2012 Adjunct Faculty Orientation and reserve your spot. Adjunct Faculty instructors in the colleges of Business Management, Education and Health and Human Services will also receive an invitation to attend a separate orientation that will begin earlier in the day on August 16.

For more information, contact the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs: Call, 989-964-4050; or email, adjunct@svsu.edu.

New Parking Permit Application Procedures

Adjunct Faculty are allowed one free parking permit each academic year. SVSU Parking Services has implemented a new online method to apply for parking permits. Once you complete your online application, your permit will be sent to your home address. Here are the new procedures:

1. Go to www.svsu.edu/universitypolice
2. Click on *Parking Information* below the *Important Links* heading
3. Click on *Faculty/Staff permits*
4. After review of Faculty/Staff permits, click on *Manage My Parking Account* below the *Access* heading
5. Log in with your SVSU user name and password
6. Complete the application.

Once you are logged in to your parking account, you will be able to add and edit vehicles, addresses (including email address), and phone numbers. You will also be able to pay citations and order a parking permit.

Parking permits are valid in Lot F (west side), Log G-1 (south side), Lot J-4 (north side) and Lot L.

Remember, as an Adjunct Faculty instructor, you are allowed one free parking permit. Additional permits cost \$20.00 and can only be obtained in person at the University Police or the Wickes Cashier's office. The cost to replace a lost or stolen permit, even one that was free, is \$10.00. For more information: svsu.edu/universitypolice.

Profile: The Millenials
(aka: Echo Boomers, Next Gen, GenY, CGeneration)



Photo: carltonassociates.com

Each month, *In the Loop* (ITL) will profile important SVSU people. This month, ITL takes a look at your students, the Millenials.

Q: Who are millenials?

A: They were born between 1979-1994. Those born between 1984-1994 are in college now or will be this Fall.

Q: What makes them so special?

A: They are natives of our digital, consumer driven, networked, flat, instant satisfaction world; yet they still want and expect expert teachers face-to-face.

Q: Do they learn differently?

A: They prefer learning by doing and interacting, multiplayer gaming, computer simulations and social networks.

Q: What don't they like?

A: They rarely read directions and they are bored by lectures.

Q: Will Adjunct Faculty Instructors notice a difference in class?

A: Yes. Millenials want to learn what they have to learn quickly and move on; they require almost constant feedback on their progress; they like to compete and collaborate; and they respect intelligence and education.

Q: What about literacy?

A: Reading is down for this group, especially the youngest, which means a decline in writing skills.

(Source: provost.hamptonu.edu/cte/docs/psych_profile.pdf)

5 Easy Things You Can Do Before Classes Begin

Are you a new member of the Adjunct Faculty team at SVSU? Feeling a bit overwhelmed? Here are five things you can do to prepare for your first day of teaching. Even the most experienced Adjunct Faculty members benefit from preparing early for a new school year.

1. **Locate your classroom.** If you can, go into the classroom and have a seat in the back of the room. This is where the students who need your attention the most are probably going to sit.
2. **Find SE-201.** This is the Office of Adjunct Faculty Support Programs. The staff is there to support you. Call 989-964-4050 if you have questions or concerns.
3. **Attend the Fall 2012 Adjunct Faculty Orientation on August 16.** It's a great opportunity to network with your colleagues, catch up on the latest SVSU news and learn about some of the most important trends in education. (See front page of this issue for more details)
4. **Email your department chair and ask for sample syllabi.** You'll be verifying that your SVSU email works, start building a relationship with your department, and you may end up with a few sample syllabi.
5. **Exercise and rest.** Teaching can be very demanding at times. Prepare your body and your mind.

Center for Academic Achievement to Open in Fall

We all want our students to succeed in our classrooms and become SVSU graduates. One way to do that is to ensure they are aware of academic support programs on campus.

Beginning in the Fall 2012 semester, the Math/Physics Resource Center, Tutoring for Academic Progress, Student Technology Center, and Biology/Chemistry Tutoring will be combined in the Center for Academic Achievement on the 2nd floor of Zahnow Library.

The Center will provide high quality free tutorial support through indi-

vidual or group sessions. Trained tutors will be available to help students succeed by providing assistance with course work and sharing strategies for effective learning.

Several disciplines are supported by the Center. Tutoring in Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology is by appointment only, while tutoring in Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics, and Technology is on a walk-in basis. Private tutoring is also available for Math and Physics by appointment.

For more details, go to: www.svsu.edu/library/about-the-library/news

Zahnow Library News: periodicals moved to first floor

The Melvin J. Zahnow Library has moved its Periodical Browsing Collection to the first floor in the sunken area near the Theodore Roethke sculpture.

Couches in the area provide a pleasant spot to take a break and catch up on the latest news in sports, politics, and entertainment in sources such as *Time* magazine, *The New Yorker*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Money*, *Science News* and more. Enjoy

reading selected national, state and local newspapers including *The New York Times*, *The Lansing State Journal* and *The Saginaw News*. Current issues of scholarly journals remain on the second floor shelved with the bound journals and microfilm collection.

For more information about the Periodicals Browsing Collection inquire at the Reference desk, also located on the library's first floor, or go to: www.sv-su.edu/library/home.html