



Adjunct Faculty Academic Calendar

August:

12 KickStart 2014~ Adjunct Faculty Orientation 4:30 in Curtiss Banquet Hall

20 Summer_Grades Due to Registrar by Noon

21 Welcome Back Picnic 5:00 to 7:30 in Owsley Grove

25 Fall Semester Classes Begin

Workshops

(Register at: svsu.edu/workshops)

August:

11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 26 and 27 VSpace Introduction from 1:00 to 3:00 in Curtiss 150

13 VSpace Test Center from 10:00 to 11:00 in Curtiss 150

18 VSpace Lessons from 10:00 to 11:00 in Curtiss 150

20 Lecture Capture: Echo 360 From 10:00 to 11:00 in Curtiss 150

20 and 29 Advanced VSpace 1:00 to 2:00 in Curtiss 150

22 Advanced VSpace 10:00 to 11:00 in Curtiss 150

22 Videoconferencing from 1:00 to 2:00 in Curtiss 150

25 VSpace Introduction from 6:00-8:00 in Curtiss 150

Syllabus Construction: Part Four Making it so that students will actually read your syllabus!

After having read the book, *Made to Stick* (Heath and Heath, 2007), team members at the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Minnesota went about creating a Sticky Syllabus. This idea came to them as a result of the realization that students tend not to read the course syllabus because their syllabi often look more like the directions for operating a washing machine. So they went about creating a syllabus using the **SUCCES** prescription:

- **Simple:** Reduce your syllabus to simple and core messages that are essential for creating student success.
- **Unexpected:** Grab your students' attention by incorporating visuals which support the core ideas. Use a picture of your text's cover or a visual which reflects your vision for the discipline.
- **Concrete:** Provide concrete examples of course outcomes using verbs which will tell the students what they will be doing in your course.
- **Credible:** Create credibility by providing a rationale or evidence that would motivate them to accomplish the required tasks and learn.
- **Emotional:** Address the emotional concerns of your students by articulating what you expect of them.
- **Stories:** Tell a consistent story of your class.

Interestingly, credibility and emotions are two essential components in motivating students. The more credible the course and the more the emotional connection to the course, the higher the likelihood that your students will be motivated to learn. This is an example of a [Sticky Syllabus](#).

Heath, C. & Heath, D., (2008). *Made to Stick: Why some ideas survive and others die*. New York: Random House,
Peterson, C., et al. (2013). *The Sticky Syllabus: Creating Course Guides to Motivate Your Students*. Presented at the 38th Annual POD Conference, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Ryder Center, SVSU ID Cards and Family Members

All faculty must have an SVSU ID Card in order to use the facilities at Ryder Center. In addition, if you want family members to have the opportunity to also use the Center, you will need to complete a form found at recreation.svsu.edu. By entering your username and password, you will be directed to the "My Account" page. Once there scroll down and add your spouse and/or dependent information. To receive their membership cards, your family members will have to show either a driver's license or a state ID. This is a free opportunity for you and your family.

KickStart 2014 All University Orientation

KickStart 2014 Orientation is just around the corner. The Orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 12th from 4:30 to 9:00 P.M. As in years past, the evening will begin with a dinner. Deans and Department Chairs will be in attendance. After dinner, faculty will be able to attend three of the different breakout sessions listed below. The new adjunct faculty will be automatically enrolled in the Adjunct Faculty Basics 101 session, which will acquaint them with the University's support services and other basic information necessary to negotiate SVSU.

It is important that every adjunct faculty member attend this important event. Invitations for this event were sent in July to your home address. You can register for the Orientation by calling us at 989-964-4050 or writing to us at adjunctfaculty@svsu.edu. Adjunct faculty are compensated \$50 for attending this valuable event.

	Block 1 6:00 - 6:45	Block 2 7:00 - 7:45	Block 3 8:00 - 8:45
A	Student Retention and Map-Works Neil Baumgartner C141	Student Retention and Map-Works Neil Baumgartner C141	Student Retention and Map-Works Neil Baumgartner C141
B	Adjunct Faculty 101 Ann Coburn-Collins Seminar G	Introduction to V-Space Cindy Putnam C100	Academic Integrity & Using Turn It In Helen Raica-Klotz and Marie Rabideau Seminar G
C	Using the Lessons Tool in V-Space Cindy Putnam C100	Podium Training Joe Wojtkiewicz C127	Podium Training Joe Wojtkiewicz C127
D	The 4 C's of SVSU Eddie Jones, Marie Rabideau & Ron Trepkowski Seminar F	The 4 C's of SVSU Eddie Jones, Marie Rabideau & Ron Trepkowski Seminar F	Using the Lessons Tool in V-Space Cindy Putnam C100
E	Reserve a Course Librarian Anita Dey C222	Reserve a Course Librarian Anita Dey C222	What has the Library Done for Me and My Students Lately Anita Dey C222
F	Universal Design Cynthia Woiderski C 127	Working with International Student Writers Helen Raica-Klotz Seminar G	The First Four Weeks of Class Ann Coburn-Collins & Nicholas Wagner Seminar F
G	Building an Inclusive Classroom Mamie Thorns C224	Creating Graphics to Help Students Learn Deb Roberts C224	Engaging Students Through Technology Deb Roberts C224

Welcome Back Picnic

Don't forget that you and your family are invited to attend the University's annual Welcome Back Picnic. It will be held on Thursday, August 21st in Owsley Grove from 5:00 until 7:30. This is a wonderful annual event which offers opportunities to become familiar with our SVSU family. Please join us! To RSVP contact the President's Office call 989-964040 or write to PresidentsOffice@svsu.edu.