



Job Description: Teaching Assistant for KIN 364 Instructor: Patricia Vertinsky

This TA Job Description is provided for reference purposes only. It will be subject to changes as required. For more specific details and information, students are advised to contact the instructor directly, if they are offered the position. Current course scheduling is posted [online](#).

Course description: The Modern Olympics: Power, Politics and Performance

This course examines the Modern Olympic Games as they have emerged over the past century to become one of the most pervasive sporting festivals and mega events in the world. Olympic sport is a global, transnational and transcultural phenomenon well worth exploring from multiple perspectives and the Olympic Games are a fascinating target for analysis. Especially for kinesiology students they offer a glimpse into a world of contest and struggle by top level athletes, political intrigue and international contest around sport management, and medical, environmental and technological issues around sport participation.

Requirements: This is a large and popular course and TA's participate in all aspects of the course with a particular focus upon student tutorials and discussion, marking of several written assignments and participation in discussions. This not a course designed for regular quizzes but for full participation of students and teacher in reflecting upon aspects of power, politics and performance related to the Olympics. TAs are full participants in the course, attending classes, sometimes leading discussions and providing input where useful. They mark the assignments and follow up with students who have difficulties where appropriate. An appreciation of the history and sociology of sport and physical activity is important.

Division of Time by Duty: The following is an approximation of how the Teaching Assistant will divide their time for the course, but is subject to changes based on the needs of the course. ***The total maximum working hours per term is 184 hours.***

Very general approximate division of hours – can change each semester depending on student numbers, available locations, background and interest of TAs.

Duties for a class of 120 students and 2 TAs	Number of hours per term
Background preparation/reading	20 hr
Attendance in class and office hours	40 hr
Marking 2 reflections	30 hrs
Marking mid term assignment	20 hrs

Marking final exams	20 hrs
Student exam/quiz viewing	10 hrs
Student communications (e-mail responses)	10 hrs
Office hours	14 hrs
Miscellaneous (Student discussion, attendance, special needs, etc)	20 hrs

Salary for each appointment will be in accordance with current CUPE 2278 rates.

http://www.cupe2278.ca/forms_and_docs/pay_rates.html.

Courses and TA requirements may be changed or cancelled due to budget or student enrolments. All applicants must assure they will be available when the course is offered. Please review the [course timetable](#) on the UBC website.

TA Applications are due by May 15.

Interested Graduate students will be provided a link to the applications by May 1.

For more information, please see [Teaching Assistantships](#)

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