



Job Description: Teaching Assistant for KIN 460

Instructor: Dr. Laura Hurd

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 course examines the sociology of aging and health. We consider such topics as ageism, anti-aging consumer culture, body image, caregiving, chronic illness, disability, gender norms and identities, (in)dependence, intersectionality, mobility, physical activity and sport, sexuality, and technology.

Requirements: Teaching Assistants are required to attend all classes and run weekly tutorials, using learning activities designed by the Instructor. Teaching Assistants in this course must have a foundational knowledge of sociology and/or socio-cultural studies. They must also be able to independently assist and lead groups of students. As well as running tutorials, Teaching Assistants will be responsible for grading four writing assignments, including two reflection papers, a one-page research proposal, and a literature review term paper. There will be time allotted to reviewing learning materials (i.e. weekly readings) prior to in-class sessions.

Division of Time by Duty: The following is an approximation of how Teaching Assistants 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.***

Duties	Number of hours per week and/or term
Attend classes/run discussion groups	2.75 hrs/week * 12 weeks = 33 hrs
Review readings/prep	1/wk * 12 weeks = 12 hrs
Grading reflection paper 1	0.75 hrs * 40 students = 30 hrs
Grading reflection paper 2	0.75 hrs * 40 students = 30 hrs
Grading literature review proposals	0.5 hr * 40 students = 20 hrs/term
Grading literature review papers	1 hr* 40 students = 40 hrs/term
Meetings/email with students	1 hr/wk = 12 hrs
Miscellaneous/team meetings	7 hrs/term

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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