



## Job Description: Teaching Assistant for KIN 459 Instructor: Dr. Eli Puterman

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:** This course offers an in-depth exploration of the effects of exercise and physical activity on psychobiological structures and functions, including the brain and the neuroendocrine and autonomic nervous systems. This course also examines our current understanding of the role that physical activity and exercise play in modifying, and perhaps ameliorating, psychiatric disorders and daily psychological wellbeing that are underpinned by neurobiological systems. This course evaluates observational and intervention studies in humans, primarily, to provide a comprehensive examination of the concepts and methods used in stress biology.

**Requirements:** A strong understanding of health psychology, exercise interventions and lab study designs, and neuroscience. The ability to discuss and critically evaluate current primary literature. The teaching assistant will be expected to meet with groups of students to help them outline presentations and assignments, this requires a working knowledge of the area so as to identify errors in student understand and help students to think critically.

**Preferences (Optional):** Has experience in Sport and Exercise Psychology (150, 459, 464), Statistics/Research Methods (205/206). Have taken health psychology and neuroscience courses offered in other faculties.

**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.***

Duties	Number of hours per week and/or term
Background preparation/reading	3 hr/wk 36 hr/term
Assignment markings	36 hr per term
Midterm exams moderation (2 exam)	1 hr per term
Midterm exams (Marking)	20 hr per term
Student communications (e-mail responses)	2 hr/wk 24 hr/term
Final exam moderation and marking	(2 +20) 22 hours
Office hours and student meeting	44 hr/term

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