



March 29, 2021

Teaching Assistantships in Germanic Studies for 2021-2022

Job title: Graduate Teaching Assistant

Estimated positions available: 12 one-term (0.5) teaching assistantships

Estimated hours of work: A full teaching assistantship involves an average of twelve (12) hours per week for the Winter Session (September 1 to April 30), for a total of 384 hours. A one-term (0.5) teaching assistantship in a single term involves 192 hours of work. A Teaching Assistant shall not be required to work more than twenty-four (24) hours in any given week.

Salary: \$6,611.96 per term - GTA I (Graduate student who has completed two (2) years' service as a graduate student teaching assistant)

\$6,362.48 per term - GTA II (Graduate student with less than two (2) years' service as a graduate student teaching assistant)

Pay Rates as of September 1, 2020.

See [CUPE 2278 Collective Agreement](#) University of British Columbia.

Course numbers and titles:

CENS 201: Contrasts and Conflicts: The Cultures of Central, Eastern and Northern Europe (in English)

CENS 202: Great Works of Literature from Central, Eastern and Northern Europe (in English)

CENS 303: Representations of the Holocaust (in English)

CENS 308: Comics and Graphic Novels in Central, Eastern and Northern Europe

GERM 206: Exile, Flight and Migration (in English)

GERM 302: German Literature after 1945 (in English)

GERM 304: German Cinema (in English)

RUSS 306A: Russian Literature in Translation

RUSS 321A: Imagining Location in Russian Literature (in English)

RUSS 323A: Fantastic Worlds in Russian Fiction (in English)

This list is subject to change based on, for example, enrolments, scheduling changes, and final budgetary allocations.

Required qualifications and experience: Applicants should possess a B.A. Major or Honours degree or equivalent from a department represented in the Faculty of Arts at UBC (the degree need not be from UBC) and be enrolled in or entering a graduate program in Arts. Pursuit of research into some aspect of



German literature, film, or culture is an asset, as is prior teaching experience. Students teaching or assisting in the German language program must have German-language proficiency sufficient for their assignment, subject to evaluation by faculty in CENES. Ability to work independently and under supervision. Excellent communication skills.

General nature of duties: Teaching Assistant duties may include, but are not limited to, attending course coordination and supervisory meetings, attendance at training or orientation sessions, lecture/class attendance, holding office hours, grading student work, assisting with in-class activities, responding to student inquiries (including email), invigilating exams, and updating and managing a course website. Orientation meetings are mandatory and will count as hours worked. TAs must also conform to university and departmental policies regarding instruction and responding to instructor feedback. TAs do not replace dedicated technical support from sources like Arts ISIT and UBC IT.

Germanic Studies graduate students must complete an Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) administered by CTLT or an equivalent pedagogy course (e.g., GERM 505).

Application procedures: Students who are interested in applying for these Teaching Assistantships should do so via the AIR form at <https://cene.air.arts.ubc.ca/germanicstudiesta/>. Applications must include:

- a) **CV** Include previous teaching experience and language skills.
- b) **Cover letter** Indicate which courses you would prefer to teach and why. This may include your qualifications for the position, familiarity with online teaching technologies, and approaches to instruction.
- c) **List all course sections you have previously taught or assisted and when** (e.g., GERM 100 sec 005 in 2013W Term 1, GERM 304 in 2014W Term 2). Provide details if your teaching experience comes from a different department or institution.
- d) Indicate if you have taken the **Instructional Skills Workshop** offered by CTLT or an equivalent pedagogy course.

Please submit applications via the [CENES AIR form](#) by 4:00 pm on April 30, 2021.

Please note: Students from other programs are not eligible to hold an appointment in this program at the same time as a teaching assistantship in their home department.

UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified applicants to apply.

Teaching Assistants are members of the CUPE 2278 union. All appointments are made based on the Collective Agreement. Individual course assignments remain provisional and may have to be changed.



If you have questions, please contact the Graduate Program Assistant, Hillary Hurst, at cenés.dept@ubc.ca.