

Sociology Teaching Assistantship Program

The Teaching Assistantship for Sociology students at UNC provides the opportunity for our graduate students to receive intensive training in teaching sociology during a Practicum in College Teaching (SOC 690), subsequent participation (upon completion of course, application, and final funding decision) as a course assistant, or as the instructor of a smaller section of Principles of Sociology.

The sequencing of the Teaching Assistantship Program is as follows:

Fall Semester (first year)

- Apply to participate in the Practicum in College Teaching (attached).

Spring Semester (first year)

- Complete SOC 690: Practicum in College Teaching.
- Apply to be a *Funded Teaching Assistant* for the following semester by March 1st for fall consideration (attached).

Fall Semester (second year)

(Funded Teaching Assistant position – competitive position)

- Teaching Assistants are required to work a **minimum** of nine (9) hours per week.
- We anticipate having at least two funded positions each semester.
- Students are encouraged to apply early; teaching assistantship funding is very competitive.

Spring Semester (second year)

- We will ordinarily have several funded teaching positions available each spring.
- You must apply by October 15th for these positions.
- Funding for these positions are competitive; students will be selected based on:
 - Merit, which includes grades and rigor of courses completed,
 - Progress toward the degree, and
 - Teaching demonstration.

Sociology Program Funded Teaching Assistant Application

Please return this application along with supporting materials to the Sociology Department Administrative Assistant by March 1st for fall funding.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ email _____

Semester for which you are applying: _____

Do you already have a complete application for an assistantship on file? _____

Once a complete application for a teaching assistantship is received, it is kept on file as long as the student is in the graduate program; it needs to be updated for a subsequent application with a letter or memo.

A complete application consists of the following:

- A letter from you stating your qualifications and statement of purpose regarding the funded teaching assistantship;
- Satisfactory completion of the Practicum in College Teaching (Soc 690) ;
- Two letters of support:
 - a. One of these should be from the instructor you worked with in Soc 690;
 - b. One can be from your graduate application to the Sociology Program;
- A course syllabus for Soc 100: Principles of Sociology;
- Teaching evaluations based on a lecture you presented or other teaching activities for which you were the leader.

Teaching Assistantships are awarded based on:

- Quality of the student's application and supporting materials
- Extent to which the student is making satisfactory progress towards the degree
- Final decisions are made by a T.A. Selection Committee consisting of full-time Sociology faculty.

APPLICATION FOR PRACTICUM IN COLLEGE TEACHING

University of Northern Colorado Sociology Program

Name: _____ email: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

Local address: _____

Home address: _____

Class status*: _____

**Requirements for Undergraduate T.A.: Junior standing, 3.0 cumulative GPA, at least a B+ or higher in the course s/he plans to T.A. for, and an interview with the faculty member.*

Current graduate GPA (overall): _____ Sociology: _____

Will you be employed next semester? * No Yes

Employer(s): _____

** Students who are currently filling a graduate assistantship position on UNC's campus are not eligible to obtain a paid TA spot in our program.*

Number of hours per week: _____

Postgraduate Plans: _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. We prefer you type and double-space your answers. Staple this sheet to the front of the essays.

1. Why do you want to be a teaching assistant?
2. What experiences as a student or teacher have shaped your views on effective instruction?
3. What do you anticipate will be your strengths as an instructor? Your weaknesses?
4. Please describe, more fully than your *curriculum vitae* or the application permits, any teaching or teaching-related experience you have had.

Submit this form and your completed essays, along with the following materials to Dr. Angie Henderson, University of Northern Colorado, Campus Box 142, Greeley, CO 80639:

- Current unofficial transcript; and
- One copy of a Sociology paper you have written

Deadline: October 15th.