

Winter 2017 GSI and GSI Grader Positions for Political Science

The Department of Political Science seeks several Graduate Student Instructors (GSI) and GSI Graders for the Winter 2017 semester. These positions may range from 0.25% to 0.6% appointments (with the majority being 0.5% appointments), and as posted, are subject to a collective bargaining agreement between the Regents of the University of Michigan and the Graduate Employees' Organization, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO 3550.

Minimum Qualifications

All applicants must be graduate students at the University of Michigan.

Desired Qualifications

The most successful applicants will have completed a graduate course in political science, previous experience as a GSI with favorable student evaluations, and/or previous experience teaching in political science.

GSI Positions for Sectioned Courses

GSIs selected for the classes listed below are expected to provide general pedagogical support for the course, which may include, but is not limited to: attending lecture, teaching discussion sections, grading and commenting on papers and exams, and meeting with enrolled students during office hours.

The number of sections a GSI with a full appointment (a 0.5%) will be asked to teach depends on the structure of a course. Most appointments for undergraduate courses include two or three hour-long sections of 20-25 students per week in a full 0.5% appointment.

POLSCI 101 - Introduction to Political Theory (ROSE)
POLSCI 111 - Introduction to American Politics (KOLLMAN/LUPIA)
POLSCI 140 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (GALLAGHER)
POLSCI 160 - Introduction to World Politics (KOREMENOS)
POLSCI 300 - Quantitative Empirical Methods for Political Science (TITIUNIK)
POLSCI 307 - Topics in American Political Thought: Post-WWII Theory (MANUEL)
POLSCI 312 - Persuasive Politics (LUPIA)
POLSCI 319 - Political Civil Liberties (BRANDWEIN)
POLSCI 332 - Politics of Economic Inequality (MICKEY)
POLSCI 337 - State and Market in Contemporary China (ANG)
POLSCI 355 - Democracy and Development in Africa (ICHINO)
POLSCI 369 - Global Economic Relations (KERNER)
POLSCI 389.020 - Roots of Radical Islam (JONES)
POLSCI 389.030 - Policing and Coercion in Autocracies (HASSAN)
POLSCI 432 - Law and Public Policy (TBD)
POLSCI 490 - Introduction to Game Theory (TBD)
POLSCI 514 - Social Science Computer Usage
POLSCI 681 - Intermediate Game Theory (TYSON)
POLSCI 699 - Statistical Methods II (TITIUNIK)

GSI Positions for Upper-Level Writing Requirement Courses

Some courses in the department meet as lectures, without discussion sections, but have a GSI in place to support the course's

role in fulfilling the College of LSA's Upper-Level Writing Requirement (ULWR). ULWR courses require a significant amount of writing and revision, classroom instruction on writing in the discipline, and careful attendance to writing issues when discussing course assignments and in grading and commenting on papers. Duties for GSIs in ULWR courses may include, but are not limited to: attending lecture, grading and commenting extensively on papers and exams, and holding office hours to support students in developing their writing skills. First-time GSIs in ULWR courses must also enroll in the Sweetland Center for Writing's WRITING 993: Teaching Writing in the Disciplines, a one credit seminar, for fall.

ULWR courses for Winter 2017 include:

POLSCI 348 - Political Economy of Development (MIN; ULWR)

POLSCI 381 - Research Methods (MARCUM; ULWR)

POLSCI 389.003 - Black Lives and Deaths: Anti-Black Violence and Resistance (DAVENPORT; ULWR)

POLSCI 389.006 - Political Law and Election Law (CHEN; ULWR)

POLSCI 402 - Liberalism and its Critics (TYLER; ULWR)

GSI Grader Positions

Yet more POLSCI classes are offered as lectures that do not have discussion sections and do not fulfill the ULWR. These classes are usually sized around 80 students and employ GSI Graders to support the course's pedagogy in a manner similar to GSIs, except that they do not teach discussion sections and may or may not be required to attend lecture. Typically, GSI Graders are assigned to two courses to make up a full appointment. Only students who will have advanced to candidacy in the Department of Political Science by January 1, 2017 are eligible to hold GSI Grader positions in most instances.

Winter 2017 courses that the department anticipates needing to hire GSI Graders for are:

POLSCI 302 – Development of Political Thought: Modern and Recent (SAXONHOUSE)

POLSCI 389.001 – Congress and the Presidency (RIVERS)

POLSCI 389.004 – Presidential Power and the Law (ADSIDE)

Additional GSI Positions

The Department also hires Political Science doctoral students to serve in the following GSI roles:

CAP Lab Assistant

The CAP lab assistant supports graduate students with computing, software, analysis, and data retrieval, referring students to other campus resources, such as CSCAR, as appropriate. CAP Lab GSIs may also compile useful resources to the Polisci Intranet (on C-Tools). They are not responsible for helping students with course-related problem sets, although they can answer questions of a general nature that pertain to a course assignment.

Graduate Student Mentor

The Graduate Student Mentor (GSM) will assist Lisa Disch with POLSCI 993, Graduate Student Instructor Training Program. The Winter term of POLSCI 993 is heavily focused on the responsible conduct of research and scholarship, which is led by Lisa. The role of the GSM will be to participate with Lisa in lesson planning for the RCRS curriculum; to organize panels of guest experts (students and faculty) for select topics; and to participate actively in class discussion so as to spark and support robust participation by the first-year cohort. The Winter term GSM appointment is a 25% appointment so it is often paired with a grader position.

Additional Requirements

GSIs and GSI Graders are expected to be on campus and available to work no later than Wednesday, January 4, 2017, the first day of classes.

Students who will be a GSI in a ULWR course for the first time in any department, must also enroll in WRITING 993. Additionally, if the language of instruction at a student's undergraduate institution was not English, the student must be evaluated by the English Language Institute (ELI) for English proficiency and either pass the GSI-OET or have this test waived by the ELI before they can be eligible for a GSI appointment in Political Science.

To Apply

Department of Political Science students should apply for their preferred GSI assignments via the application link distributed to their umich email inboxes by the graduate program coordinator in April. External applicants should apply for these positions using the electronic application available at www.lsa.umich.edu/polisci beginning October 24th. All applicants must submit their information no later than November 6, 2016, 11:59pm.

Decisions

All employment decisions will be made by the director of graduate studies in the Department of Political Science. Doctoral students in Political Science will be given first priority for available positions. In the event that positions remain open after all eligible and qualified Political Science doctoral students have been hired, then the Department will move to any existing pool of external applicants. GSIs from outside the department will be selected based on the quality of their past teaching experience, the strength of their references, and also on how well their past coursework and teaching experiences have prepared them to teach the course topic of any open positions.

The Department expects to extend initial GSI placements to Department of Political Science doctoral students on or around Monday, November 14. External applicants can expect to hear about initial decisions on or around Monday, November 21. All applicants are welcome to request the status of their application at any time by contacting Kathryn Cardenas, Graduate Program Coordinator, at kmcad@umich.edu. While we do our best to maintain original placements, sometimes the need arises to move GSIs from one assigned course to another. Assignments may change up to the first day of classes.

Nondiscrimination Statement

The University will not discriminate against any applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, parental status or pregnancy status, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, height, weight, disability, citizenship status, veteran status, HIV antibody status, political belief, membership in any social or political organization, participation in a grievance or complaint whether formal or informal, or any other factor where the item in question will not interfere with job performance and where the employee is otherwise qualified. The University of Michigan agrees to abide by the protections afforded employees with disabilities as outlined in the rules and regulations which implement Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Unsuccessful Applications

Unsuccessful applications will be retained for consideration in the event that there are last minute openings for available positions. In the event that an Employee does not receive his or her preferred assignment, he or she can request a written explanation or an in-person interview with the hiring agent(s) to be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time.