


Being a LING TA

- General points:
 - We have 11 courses that typically take TAs.
 - *You have 2 contracts*
 - Tutorials: not all TA courses have them, but many do.
 - Sometimes you are the only TA for a course – some courses take multiple TAs
 - You have a lot of resources available to you!

Your duties

1. Lecture
 2. Tutorial
 3. Office Hours
 4. Grading
 5. Connect (discussion boards, grades, assignments, etc)
- Quick note! Final grades are **NOT** submitted through Connect.
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- Future workshops

Courses

100 level

- ❖ Intro courses; large; flexible learning; not required for linguistics degree; not offered during summer

200 level

- ❖ Linguistic theory classes; not all required for linguistics degree; smaller than 100-level

300 level

- ❖ More advanced; small; nearly all linguistics majors

Courses

100 = Introduction to Language and Linguistics

101 = Languages of the World

140 = Challenging Language Myths

200 = Linguistic Theory & Analysis I (Phonology)

201 = Linguistic Theory & Analysis II (Syntax)

209 = Clinical Topics in Speech, Language, & Hearing Science

222 = Language Acquisition

300 = Studies in Grammar

311 = Studies in Phonology

313 = Introduction to Linguistic Phonetics and Speech Science

314 = Instrumental Phonetics

327 = Introduction to Semantics

Tutorials

- 2 types:
LABS & DISCUSSION sections.
- Average size = 28 students (range 25-40 when full)
- You get material and direction from instructor – but you typically have to come up with the structure of the lesson. That's what we're workshopping right now!
- Tutorial Tips: linguistics

Office Hours

- You will need to determine when and how often with your instructor.
- Then you will need to book the room:
 - Log in to internal site (<http://linguistics.ubc.ca>)
 - Go to room bookings
- And get keys:
 - Fill out key acquisition form (on internal website under Forms)
 - Send to Edna

Contracts

- LING
 - 12 hrs/week *on average*, 16 weeks = 192 hours total
 - Create & sign contract with instructor specific to your course
 - Discuss absences with instructor well in advance
- CUPE 2278 – a collective agreement
 - <http://cupe2278.ca>
 - <http://cupe2278.ca/documents-and-information/collective-agreement/>
 - *Your TA duties in any single day cannot exceed a span of 8 hours without your consent. You cannot be required to work more than 24 hours in a single week. You cannot be required to work during the 24-hour time period prior to one of your own final exams.*

When things go wrong

- If with student:
 - Instructor
- If with instructor:
 - Equity issue? Carla Hudson Kam (carla.hudsonkam@ubc.ca)
 - Contract issue? Gunnar Hansson (gunnar.hansson@ubc.ca)
 - General/not-sure-if-it's-real-issue/unsure-of-category?
Your advisor; Edna Dharmaratne (edna.dharmaratne@ubc.ca)

Resources for your **Students**

- Learning Tools:

1. <http://learningcommons.ubc.ca/>

2. Writing help: <http://learningcommons.ubc.ca/tutoring-studying/improve-your-writing/>

3. Tutoring services:

- ❖ Ling – (1) Graduate students (coordinator TBD at grad job meeting); (2) SALSA peer tutoring

- ❖ UBC – <http://learningcommons.ubc.ca/tutoring-studying/tutoring-2/>

4. Research guides: <http://help.library.ubc.ca>

- For struggling students:

1. Access and Diversity for learning disabilities: <http://students.ubc.ca/success/student-supports/academic-accommodations>

2. **Early Alert:** <http://facultystaff.students.ubc.ca/early-alert>

Resources for You

- Your Union (Rep TBD at grad meeting;
<http://cupe2278.ca>)
- CTLT (<http://ctl.t.ubc.ca>)
- <http://isit.arts.ubc.ca/service/connect/>
- Your linguistics community!