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.

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)
  - 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 Hannson (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/

• For struggling students:
  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://ctlt.ubc.ca)
• http://isit.arts.ubc.ca/service/connect/
• Your linguistics community!