

Poli 110 TA jobs for fall 2024

What TAs do. Grade student work. Tutor students one-on-one—and stay current by attending class and completing readings before students do. Conduct group review sessions. You are paid for all these activities—even completing course readings.

Qualifications. Any major may apply. I provide training. Department guidelines state that you should have earned at least an A- in Poli 110 or 210 at BYU, and you should have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4. If you fall just short, or if you met your Poli 110 requirement some other way (AHTG, AP exam, transfer credit), I can consider your application if you have compensating qualifications, such as a strong record in upper-division American politics coursework or other relevant experience. All applicants must have good interpersonal skills and writing ability.

Hours. You will be authorized to average 13 hours/week. You will probably work about 7-10 hours most weeks, with bumps when there is grading to do. If you hold a second on-campus job, know that BYU limits students to 20 total hours per week, so your second job should be able to handle the increased hours when there is grading. **Your schedule must allow you to attend class (either TTh 9:30-10:45 or TTh 3:30-4:45) and TA meetings (Th 11-11:50a).** You will choose your office hours and other work hours, but you will need enough flexibility in your schedule so that your office hours do not overlap other TAs.

Payment. The political science department sets the pay scale. It starts at \$14/hour for new TAs, then rises each semester. You will need to demonstrate to BYU eligibility to work in the USA.

To apply, email your academic history from the BYU website to me (brown@byu.edu). (Just print it into a PDF, nothing fancy.) You may attach a resume if you have one. If I don't already know you, write a paragraph or two introducing yourself to me (home town, major, internships, experience relevant to politics, post-graduation plans, or whatever else you would like me to know). Confirm your availability to attend class and the TA meeting. Indicate your expected graduation date. Before applying, carefully consider whether your course load will allow you to commit to this job; having a TA depart mid-semester or fall behind on grading is disruptive to students and fellow TAs.

Schedule. I start recruiting in April so I can meet applicants before people leave town for summer, but I will not know exactly how many TAs I need until registration ends in June and I see how many seats have filled. Just a heads up that I might not be able to give you a firm answer for a couple months. Bug me if you have heard nothing by around the third week of June, or if you have a competing opportunity you need to make a decision about.

Contact: Prof. Adam Brown, 772 KMBL, brown@byu.edu. Please contact me with any questions.