University of Massachusetts Amherst
On Campus Graduate Assistantship Vacancy Notice

Type of Appointment: Teaching Assistantship

Application Deadline: August 18

Job Description (No Clerical duties permitted):
The job requires attendance at 1/2 hour weekly meetings with the faculty lecturer, attendance at the once per week lecture of 1 1/2 hours, teaching the relevant number of discussion sections and grading 10 short (1 page) weekly response papers, two longer papers of 5 - 7 pages and a final paper of 10 - 12 pages.

Sections have a maximum of 18 students each. The position is for one discussion section at 10 hours per week. NOTE: this discussion section is scheduled for Tuesdays from 1 - 1:50.

This is an interdisciplinary course covering topics from sciences (medicine and the space program), social sciences (several social movements), the arts (architecture) and marketing. All readings are at an accessible level for those not familiar with the field; no special expertise is required in fields outside of the TA's own subject.

Experience Required:
Teaching experience of at least one semester.

Additional Information:

Course title: Junior Year Honors Common Experience Course: How the 1960s changed America

Purpose: The purpose of the course is to provide an experience in the Commonwealth Honors College for Honors students in their junior year. While recognizing that by the junior year students will be working in a wide variety of disciplinary areas, an interdisciplinary course like this will help honors students at the preliminary stage of thinking about a culminating senior thesis, project or capstone to experience a variety of topics and
approaches that can lead to the development of their own senior culminating experience.

Why the 1960s? Many of the things we accept as modern social, political, artistic and scientific movements have their roots in the 1960s. By reviewing the historical record of changes in the 1960s, students will see how interactions across groups and fields of endeavor propel or retard progress, be it social, political, scientific or artistic. Viewing change as a complex system of dynamics will help students understand current issues in areas like racial identity and tension, political polarization, economic inequality and scientific progress.

Format: This is an interdisciplinary course covering topics from sciences (medicine and the space program), social sciences (several social movements), the arts (architecture) and marketing. The course format is a one and a half hour lecture per week by a distinguished UMass faculty member and one 50 minute discussion section per week lead by a TA.

Dates of Appointment: From 09/03/17 To 01/13/18

Hours/Wk 10 Stipend $ 25.23

How to Apply: Call ☐ In Person ☐ Submit Resume ☑

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