

Fall 2024 TA Job Posting for ECON 211 & 221 Clinic leader

Please give a brief description of the course content or a link to the course outline:

ECON 211 & 221 Clinic leader

This position is an exception to the usual pattern because it does not correspond to just one course, but two. Students of ECON 211 and 221 need to learn a variety of mathematical concepts for use in later economics courses that may be new to them. Because these two courses provide all the important foundational mathematics used in later ECON courses and because they represent the first mathematical challenges for many students in their undergraduate careers, the department offers a special “clinic” for students in these two courses. The specific material that could be subject to questioning can be found in the outlines for ECON 211 and ECON 221, which can be found by searching the outline.uwaterloo.ca site.

Any necessary knowledge or skills needed:

Familiarity with mathematical economics and probability theory and statistics is required. Ideally, the clinic leader should have experience with the specific topics listed in the outlines for the two courses (these can be found at the outline.uwaterloo.ca site). The Clinic leader will need to respond to student questions about material from either course by clarifying difficult concepts from lectures and working through example problems, clearly explaining and justifying steps along the way. The Clinic leader needs to be available for students to drop in and ask questions, either individually or in groups, a few times a week.

Please fill out this chart as closely as you can for the TA duties and hours you predict the course will be using for the entire Fall 2024 term. This will be used as an estimation only. Graduate TAs are not permitted to work more than 140 hours for the term or more than 10 hours in any given week (70 hours or 5 hours a week for a ½ TA). When thinking of the duties you might have for your TA, we ask that you be mindful of this constraint and try not to come up against it. TAs own coursework comes first. Negotiations for a reasonable amount of time for returning marked assignments, etc. will occur as needed.

Duty	Estimated Hours for the Term or N/A	Brief description of unusual or especially time-consuming features of the duty, if any
Meetings with Course Instructor	8	Email contact with instructors, provide updates on student concerns.
Class preparation	48	Refresh yourself on course topics weekly, 12 weeks x 4 hours a week.
Attending lectures	N/A	

Student consultation; office hours	80	12 weeks x 6-7 hours of clinic per week.
Lecturing	N/A	
Conducting tutorials	N/A	
Grading	N/A	
Proctoring exams	N/A	
Other duties (describe/explain)	4	Keep track of how many students attend tutorials each week and what topics they are interested in.
Totals	140	