Position: 50% Graduate Teaching Assistant (Discussion Leader)

Course Number and Title: [CPH:3400 Health, Work, & the Environment](https://myui.uiowa.edu/my-ui/courses/details.page?id=884416&ci=170319)

Course Instructors: Hans-Joachim Lehmler

Start date: 3 days prior to the semester

End date: last day of sprig finals week

Application deadline: December 1, 2021 5pm

The College of Public Health Undergraduate Program is seeking a 50% Graduate Teaching Assistant (Discussion Leader) to teach three discussion sections of CPH:3400 Health, Work and the Environment.

This course, which is a requirement for public health majors and counts toward a Sustainability Certificate and the undergraduate Certificate in Public Health, will survey environmental and occupational hazards, the human (and environmental) health risks associate with exposure to these hazards, and strategies that protect individuals and society from harm by these hazards. The public policy aspects of environmental health and occupational health will be emphasized throughout the class to demonstrate that science can help produce policy and other strategies that protect us all as citizens and workers.

This half-time appointment will require effort that will average 20 hours of work per week over the course of the semester. Faculty supervisor(s) will discuss the specific expectations of this teaching position. The following table is an example of the average weekly effort that we expect for this position.

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|  | **Average # Hours per Week** |
| **Contact Hours** |  |
| Lecture (attend 2 sessions) | 2 |
| Discussion (3 sections) | 3 |
| **Preparation/Grading** |  |
| Weekly meeting with course supervisor | 1 |
| Individual preparation/grading | 8 |
| **Office Hours** | 2 |
| **Other\*** | 4 |

\* Other work may include, but is not restricted to, attending TA orientation and/or training sessions before the start of the semester; handling grade complaints or academic dishonesty; subbing for instructors/TAs who are sick; assisting with online course materials and the course Wiki page; contact hours with students outside of office hours (in person or email communications); etc.

The above chart establishes a guideline for expectations; you are scheduled for a five-day workweek (Monday-Friday) regardless of the appointment percentage, unless altered in writing by your direct supervisor. The exact weekly schedule and assignment of duties will be determined by your supervisor, in consultation with you. It is reasonable to expect small variations in the number of hours allocated to each activity in any given week.

To be eligible for assignment to this teaching position, the student must have suitable knowledge and teaching ability. Judgments of knowledge and ability will be made by the Director of Undergraduate Programs or the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, in consultation with the hiring faculty. These judgments will be based on many factors, including interviews, letters of recommendation, evaluations from previous teaching supervisors, students’ evaluations from previous teaching assignments, and specialized training in instruction.

Required qualifications:

* Enrollment in a graduate program at the University of Iowa College of Public Health
* Excellent verbal and written communication skills
* Completion of global environmental health coursework (e.g. Global Environmental Health [OEH: 4240] or equivalent course)

Desired qualifications:

* Prior teaching experience with evidence of teaching excellence through student and/or faculty evaluations
* Completion of an introductory environmental toxicology course

Application instructions: Applications are accepted by emailing [cph-hr@uiowa.edu](mailto:cph-hr@uiowa.edu). Applications should include a cover letter, a resume, and contact information for the following individuals, who may be contacted to provide a reference regarding your academic standing in the program, progression toward degree completion, academic performance in related coursework, and/or prior teaching experience:

* Current academic advisor
* A professor in the environmental health sciences with whom you’ve completed coursework
* Faculty supervisor for a prior teaching appointment (if applicable)

A criminal background check will be required for the candidate of choice.

The University of Iowa is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply and will receive consideration for employment free from discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, natural origin, age, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, religion, associational preference, status as a qualified individual with a disability, or status as a protected veteran.