

Teaching Assistant - ESRM 101 - Forests and Society

Department: School of Environmental and Forest Sciences
Quarter Available: Autumn Quarter 2025 (09/16/2025-12/15/2025)
Priority Application Deadline: September 14th, 2025, 11:59PM | Application remains open until position is filled.

Description:

Join Professor Lisa Graumlich in teaching Forests and Society (ESRM 101). The goal of the course is to integrate **practical knowledge, contemporary stewardship ethics, and indigenous wisdom** to create a holistic understanding of Pacific Northwest forests. Students will learn to see forests as complex socio-ecological systems requiring both scientific knowledge and cultural wisdom.

From the syllabus - why teach this class? "Pacific Northwest forests are far more than scenic backdrops—they're complex living systems that shape our climate, economy, communities, and cultural identity, while facing unprecedented challenges from wildfire, climate change, and competing demands for their care. This course will transform how you see and relate to forests by weaving together cutting-edge ecological science, indigenous wisdom that has sustained these landscapes for millennia, and contemporary approaches to forest stewardship that emphasize love and reciprocity alongside management. Whether you're hiking the trails around campus, considering your career path, or simply wanting to be a more informed citizen, you'll develop the knowledge and ethical framework to engage meaningfully with one of the most pressing environmental and social issues of our time. By semester's end, you'll not only understand how forests work, but discover your own role in caring for these remarkable ecosystems that define our region."

This will be an excellent opportunity to join a teaching team that is prioritizing critical engagement with a range of texts and a set of learning opportunities that will allow students to emerge with their own stewardship ethic.

In Autumn Quarter 2025, course meets Tuesday/Thursday 12:30PM-2:20PM, Guggenheim 220.

Duties and Requirements:

The Teaching Assistant will report to the instructor and support all aspects of teaching and managing the course, including attending the lectures, grading assignments and exams, updating online course content, maintaining grading records, holding office hours, and answering student questions.

Appointees must be registered for a minimum of 10 credits & must be in good academic standing.

Compensation:

This salaried ASE position is 50% FTE (20 hours/week), and salary is commensurate with academic standing per the UW-UAW ASE contract. In AY 2025-26, the monthly Premasters rate is \$3,282; the monthly Intermediate rate is \$3,449; & the monthly Candidate rate is \$3,620.

How to Apply:

Please fill out a [SEFS ASE Application Form](#), attach your r  sum  /CV information as described, and submit your application via this [SEFS Application Submission Form](#). Any application questions should be directed to Levi Sy, Winkenwerder 104 or sefsmain@uw.edu.

Notes:

This job classification is governed by a negotiated labor contract and is subject to union shop provisions. For more information about union shop provisions, visit:

<http://www.washington.edu/admin/hr/jobs/apl/union-info.html>

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