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TEACHING ASSISTANT/TUTOR-MARKER APPOINTMENT PRIORITIES

Priority for appointment/reappointment as a Teaching Assistant/Tutor-Marker in the Department of Political Science is in accordance with Sections F.3, F.4, K.1 and K.2 of Article XIII of the Collective Agreement with the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU). Section F4 states:

F.4 Graduate student priority for appointment as a Teaching Assistant shall be limited as follows:

- a. A student registered at SFU in a master's program or as a qualifying student for a master's program shall not have priority for appointment after having held appointments totaling twenty-five (25) units.
- b. A student registered at SFU in a doctoral program or as a qualifying student for a doctoral program who holds a master's degree or equivalent shall not have priority for appointment after having held appointments totaling 40 base units.
- c. A Student registered at SFU in a doctoral program without a master's degree or equivalent shall not have priority for appointment as a GTA 2 after having held appointments totaling 50 base units.

H.1 Re-employment as a Teaching Assistant

1. To be considered for re-employment, a graduate or undergraduate teaching assistant must maintain:
 - a. satisfactory performance as a teaching assistant;
 - b. satisfactory performance as a student as determined by the department of enrolment;
2. The re -employment of Teaching Assistants will also depend upon the needs and budget resources of the University.

DEPARTMENTAL PRIORITY SYSTEM FOR TA/TM ALLOCATION

In accordance with the provisions of Article XIII (F3) of the TSSU and contract and the criteria established by the Department, please be advised that the Department's detailed priority system for assigning TAships is as follows:

1. TSSU Contract Priority (Graduate Students within the Department with fewer than 25 TA base units experience at the MA level and 40 TA base units experience at the PhD level)
2. PhD students in their first nine semesters of full time study.
3. For 300 level courses only, those PhD students with Instructor preference.
4. Full-time MA students not beyond their first five semesters of full-time studies.
5. Those students who have been promised a TA(s) and have not yet received their full allocation.
6. Those students not holding a concurrent graduate fellowship.
7. Those students with the best overall academic performance (as indicated by current graduate GPA, other grades, experience and background, teaching evaluations and supervisory evaluations).
8. Those students with background experience in a particular field of study.