Course: ENV222H1 Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies [24L/4T]

Building upon ENV221H1, shows how environmental studies is working to knit different disciplinary perspectives into one interdisciplinary body of knowledge; interplay of science and values in definition and framing of issues; roles of markets, politics and ethics in developing solutions; local to global scale; historical and current timeframes.

Human activity is causing major changes to nonhuman earth systems, with resulting adverse effects for both other species and humans themselves. The problem is getting worse, not better. Why is that so, and what can we do about it? To address these questions, the course examines these topics: elements and theoretical understanding of the problem; major stages in the historical evolution of human impacts on nature; actions currently being taken to address the problem; and, briefly, possible solutions.

Class schedule: Lectures, Tuesday, 2 – 4 pm. Tutorials Wednesday, 11 – 12, 12 – 1, 1 – 2; Thursday, 11 – 12, 12 – 1, 1 – 2, 2 – 3 and 3 - 4


Estimated enrolment: 320 Estimated TA support: 460 hours

Sessional dates of appointment: March 20 – April 30, 2017

Salary: One third of a course instructor salary for a half course: $2437.33 (includes vacation pay of 4%)

Please note that should rates stipulated in the collective agreement vary from rates stated in this posting, the rates stated in the collective agreement shall prevail.

Qualifications: PhD or masters in environmental studies or a relevant discipline, with equivalent professional and/or academic experience required. Broad understanding of: environmental studies as a discipline; human environmental impacts on non-human earth systems, from the historical to the present; and actions currently being taken to address them. Previous experience teaching a similar course is required.

Duties of course instructor: to coordinate the remainder of the course; deliver weekly lectures or arrange guest lecturers; run a portion of the tutorials; hold office hours; evaluate student performance.

Closing Date: March 17, 2017

Those interested should submit a cover letter, two letters of reference, and a current CV (including previous teaching evaluations, if applicable) by email to: David Powell, Undergraduate Student Advisor & Placement Coordinator, School of the Environment, david.powell@utoronto.ca

The Department’s hiring policy is available in the Department office and at the CUPE, Local 3902 office. This position is subject to final budgetary approval. Subject to that approval, appointments will be made by March 20, 2017. In accordance with the Employment Equity Policy, the University of Toronto encourages applications from qualified women and men, members of visible minorities, aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities.

This notice is posted in accordance with the CUPE 3902 Unit 1 Collective Agreement. It is understood that some announcements of vacancies are tentative, pending final course determinations and enrolment.

Please note: Those who are not undergraduate or graduate students and postdoctoral fellows of the University of Toronto are covered by the CUPE 3902 Unit 3 collective agreement rather than the Unit 1 collective agreement, and should not apply for positions posted under the Unit 1 collective agreement.

Although a graduate student’s preference as to the campus location of his/her TA appointment will be taken into account, both the initial TA appointment (or CI appointment) and the subsequent appointment obligation related to that appointment may be met through position(s) on any one of the three University of Toronto campuses (UTM, UTSC or St. George) in courses in the same discipline as the initial appointment. TAs will only be assigned to courses in fields in which they are or should be qualified to assist.