

Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) Opportunity - CUPE 2278 2025/26 Winter Session (Sep-Apr)

PLAN 221 - City Visuals

Academic Term: 25WT2 (Jan-Apr)
Class Times Tue/Thu, 3:30-5:00pm

Instructor & Supervisor: Erick Villagomez

Number of Positions: 4 (four)

Appointment Start Date:January 1, 2026Appointment End Date:April 30, 2026Total Hours:192 hours/position

Application Closing Date: Re-Appointment: Wednesday, April 30 2025 New Appointment: Sunday, June 01 2025

** Note: Submission of a graphic portfolio is required with your application

As a course, PLAN 221 provides a exploratory journey through the vast world of visualizing the city. Students will gain an understanding of the types and hierarchies of visualizations of the city and how to interpret them and use them to read the city. As such, it provides a basic introduction to drawing type fundamentals (plan, section, elevation, paraline, etc.) as well as techniques of representation (use of hue, value, etc.). The latter is supplemented with design analyses exercises (deconstructing different representations) and culminates in a 'city visual' design exercise. The course is currently scheduled to meet twice a week for 1.5 hours each session.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

The application must:

- Be registered in a PhD or Master's program at UBC Vancouver
- Have teaching or tutoring experience
- Have experience working with diverse populations
- Strong facilitation skills, giving student design-related feedback
- Strong knowledge of urban design/architecture theory and methods across spatial scales, different geographic contexts and design disciplines
- Strong graphics and representation skills (drawing, painting, illustration, graphic design, etc.)
- Strong technical skills related graphics and representation (Adobe Suite, ArcGIS, visual presentation/drawing, SketchUp, etc.)

Graduate Teaching Assistant duties include but are not limited to:

- Teaching tutorials and/or lectures/labs under supervision of faculty
- Managing discussion periods and labs
- Marking assignments and exams
- Invigilation duties
- Academic assistance to students during office hours
- Managing online platforms such as Canvas and Miro

Skills and Abilities

- Current knowledge of planning relational practice
- Excellent verbal and graphics communication skills
- Self-reflective
- Team player
- Plan, organize, and prioritize workload
- Supervise and provide guidance to others
- Write and speak effectively
- Competent in on-line learning technology