Teaching Assistantships at Texas Tech University are actually ½ time faculty appointments. That is why they are called .50 TA appointments. As such, they carry similar responsibilities to regular faculty positions. While the syllabus and instructional program for a course will be prepared with the assistance of the supervising professor, details such as grading, reporting grades, meeting deadlines for mid-semester grades (when appropriate), completing required reports, etc are all expected of the teaching assistant.

Teaching Assistantships are renewable each year (two years for master’s students, three years for doctoral students) as long as timely progress is being made toward the degree, a 3.0 GPA is maintained, and the student is doing acceptable work with his/her assigned duties.

A “full TA” may be asked to work as much as 20 hours a week, but in the School of Music we typically require a much smaller load because of the time involved for our students to maintain our heavy expectations of practice/performance/academic achievement... Examples of typical teaching loads are two sections of a class (four to six hours a week of instruction plus necessary preparation and grading); 6-8 one-hour private lessons (6-8 hours of instruction plus juries, studio classes, grading and mentoring); observation of classes and direction of discussion sessions (meeting with students, preparation of instructional materials); etc.

**BENEFITS**

In-state tuition

$2,342.00 in waived fees—not billed to your account.

(Students may choose to pay the fees for the Student Health Program, Athletics, Recreational Center membership.)

Eligible for medical insurance (student pays half the monthly premium, Texas Tech pays half).

(International students are required to purchase a comprehensive health insurance policy that includes health coverage, evacuation and repatriation. The approximate cost is $1,400.00 a year.)

Spouse can enroll in classes as a Texas resident, even without a TA appointment.
FINANCIAL DETAILS
Enrollment in a minimum of 9 credit hours of graduate courses is required.

Stipend: $7784.40 for nine months, paid to the student as a salary with monthly installments beginning October 1 and continuing through June 1.

Figures for Master’s students with TA appointments

Semester Costs (based on spring semester 2013):
Basic cost for nine hours—optimum full load:
Texas Resident: $3,495.63
Waived fees: $2,342.00

Approximate cost for nine credit hours: $1,153.63
Course fees: $405.00
Approximate Total: $1,558.00

Figures for Doctoral Students with TA/GPTI appointments

Semester Costs (based on Spring semester 2013):
Basic cost for nine hours— optimum full load:
Texas Resident: $600.00
Waived tuition and fees: $2,895.00

Approximate cost for nine credit hours: $600.00
Course fees: $405.00
Approximate Total: $1,005.00

Please Note:
These figures for Graduate Students are based on spring semester 2013 and will likely be increased for fall 2013. Tuition fees increase if student takes more than 9 hours.

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