

Teaching Assistant/Associate Professor of Sociology, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Vacancy ID FAC0005796)

Position Summary

The Department of Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill invites applications for a Teaching Assistant Professor or Teaching Associate Professor (depending on the selected candidate's qualifications and experience) in a teaching-track faculty position to begin July 1, 2026.

This is a nine-month, fixed-term position with a 3-3 teaching load (six courses per academic year). Candidates will be considered for a three-year contract term with the possibility of renewal.

The Teaching Assistant/Associate Professor will play a central role in the department's undergraduate instructional mission. The successful candidate will teach a mix of lower- and upper-division undergraduate courses, with enrollments ranging from approximately 24 to 250 students. The department seeks a faculty member who can contribute to one or more areas of instructional need, particularly courses that serve the Management and Society major (e.g., stratification, organizations, economic sociology) and/or the Health and Society minor (e.g., U.S. population health, sociology of mental health). Experience teaching introductory sociology courses is also valued. Specific course assignments will be determined based on departmental needs and the instructor's background and interests.

In addition to teaching, the position includes service responsibilities related to undergraduate education, such as participation on the Undergraduate Studies Committee and involvement in programs and events for sociology majors and minors.

Minimum Education and Experience Requirements

PhD in Sociology or a closely related discipline completed by the start date of the appointment

At least one academic term of experience teaching undergraduate students, either as instructor of record or in a primary instructional role with responsibility for course delivery and assessment

Preferred Qualifications, Competencies, and Experience

- Demonstrated excellence in undergraduate teaching, including experience teaching courses with varied student populations and varying enrollment sizes.
- Experience teaching courses that contribute to the department's Management and Society major (e.g., stratification, organizations, economic sociology) and/or Health and Society minor (e.g., U.S. population health, sociology of mental health).
- Experience teaching introductory or lower-division sociology courses.
- Interest in and experience contributing to undergraduate curriculum development and programmatic initiatives.
- Commitment to inclusive and student-centered teaching practices.

Special Instructions

Applicants should submit the following materials through the UNC Jobs website:

<https://unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/312247>

1. A cover letter describing teaching experience, areas of expertise, and career goals in relation to a teaching-focused position at a public university.
2. A curriculum vitae.
3. A teaching portfolio, including a teaching statement, a summary of teaching evaluations, and sample syllabi. Applicants should use the "other document" field to upload their teaching portfolio.

4. Names and contact information for three professional references. Letters of recommendation will be requested from candidates selected for on-campus interviews.

Review of applications will begin February 16, 2026.

Quick Links

Full job posting details available here: <https://unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/312247>

More information about the Sociology Department and its programs are available here: <https://sociology.unc.edu>