

Honors Seminar

(Tuesday/Thursday 11:00-12:20, SSB 101)

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Welcome to the second quarter of the honors seminar! This quarter you will consult regularly with me and your faculty advisors, collect and analyze data, and write final drafts of your honors theses. We will meet as a group on an as-needed basis. At the end of the quarter, you will have an opportunity to present your work at a special “mini conference.”

Course Requirements: A complete thesis must be submitted by the tenth week of this quarter. In addition, you will be required to meet regularly with me and your faculty advisor, submit interim drafts, and participate in group meetings and discussions.

Grades will be assigned at the end of Winter quarter and will be applied retroactively to Fall. They will be based primarily on the quality of the thesis, although some consideration will be given to participation and timely completion of written assignments. Final thesis grades will be assigned based on assessments by the Honors Program Director (i.e., me) and your faculty advisor. Students who receive a course grade of A- or better, and who maintain an overall GPA of 3.2 or better and a major GPA of 3.5 or better will graduate with honors from the Sociology Department. An A- warrants honors “with distinction,” an A warrants “high distinction,” and an A+ warrants “highest distinction.” All writing and research must be completed **independently** unless clearly attributed to another source (e.g., through citations, attributed quotations of published or web-posted materials).

Tentative Schedule for Winter Quarter (We will meet as a group on the dates printed in bold type. Please hold other class periods open for possible individual consultations.)

Week 1 (**January 10** & January 12). By January 24: Meet with both me and your faculty advisor.

Week 2 (January 17 & **January 19**). Independent research, individual consultations.

Week 3 (January 24 & January 26). Independent research, individual consultations.

Week 4 (January 31 & **February 2**). Due February 2: revised introduction, literature review, and methodology sections, summary of preliminary results. *Please mark additions or substantial revisions in margin.*

Week 5 (February 7 & February 9). By February 16: Meet with both advisors.

Week 6 (**February 14** & February 16). Independent research, individual consultations.

Week 7 (February 21 & **February 23**). Due February 23: Revised introduction, literature review, methodology, and results sections, preliminary draft of conclusion. *Please mark additions or substantial revisions in margin.*

Week 8 (February 28 & March 2). Independent research, individual consultations.

Week 9 (March 7 & **March 9**). Independent research, individual consultations.

Week 10 (**March 14** and **March 16**). Independent research, individual consultations.

- Due March 14: Final draft of thesis. Mini-Conference will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 9:30-12:20.