

TIMELINE AND STEPS FOR REGISTERING FOR SOCI 691H

The sociology honors thesis is an intensive yearlong research experience. It begins in the fall of the senior year with enrollment in SOCI 691H and continues in the spring semester with enrollment in SOCI 692H. Students enrolled in the senior honors thesis seminar conduct independent, original research under the supervision of a sociology faculty advisor.

Developing a specific research question usually takes some time, so we encourage students to begin thinking seriously about their research interests in the spring of their junior year. We suggest the following timeline and steps so that students pursuing an honors thesis have a feasible research question in mind at the start of the fall semester and some idea of the data needed to answer that question. Please note that in order to register for SOCI 691H students are required to identify a faculty advisor in the spring of the junior year and agree upon a topic of study.

I. Spring semester, junior year

_____ Identify a sociology faculty member willing to serve as the thesis advisor.

_____ Agree upon a research topic with proposed thesis advisor.

Proposed research topic

Thesis advisor signature

Date of meeting

Student name

PID

To register for 691H, submit this form to department Director of Undergraduate Studies after meeting with proposed advisor. DUGS will keep a copy for the department's records and return the original to you.

II. Summer before senior year

_____ Begin reviewing the literature on proposed topic.

II. First week Fall semester

_____ Meet with faculty advisor to solidify research question and discuss the data and methods you will use for your research.

Submit completed form to DUGS in fall.

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