

Sociology 391: Junior Seminar
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or by arrangement

The junior seminar is a full-year, *three-credit* course offered to Honours Sociology students in their 3rd year. Paired with SOCI491, 3rd year honours students shadow and work alongside 4th year honours students to observe the steps taken in completing a thesis project. A copy of the SOCI491 syllabus is shared to provide a working schedule for the year. As part of the SOCI391 course work, students will develop a *curriculum vitae* (or CV); learn "best practices" for applying for research grants, graduate programs, and scholarships; and explore the importance of knowledge mobilization.

Meeting time

This year, we meet weekly in the B8 time block (Wednesdays, 2:15-3:05).

Evaluation

Instructions for assignments will be posted on Moodle and discussed in further detail in class. Written assignments will be submitted on Moodle.

Your course grade is based on the following work.

10%	Completion of your Canada Curriculum Vitae (CCV)	by Nov. 3
10%	Area study proposal with reference list	Oct. 14
25%	Area study: paper 1: A review essay on a broad topic area	Nov. 25
25%	Area study: paper 2: A critical examination of a topic in the area	Jan. 27
10%	Course Participation	
20%	Your choice:	

- Write a one-page (plus 1-2 pages of references) grant application based on the guidelines used for internal undergraduate scholarship: *it reflects the application process for the Canada Graduate Scholarship guidelines* (due February 7) and/or (also your choice)
- Prepare and present a poster or oral presentation of your area study at Student Research Day (we can find a way to make this work for students studying abroad in the winter term) (due date is SRD, usually end of March)

A note on due dates and timelines for special circumstances

This course is available to students starting the honours program at the beginning of the winter term and those who plan to study abroad for the winter term of their third year. In consultation with the professor, the due dates can be designed to fit a semester length time span or the student's schedule. This flexibility is possible because SOCI391 is a 3-credit course, therefore the amount of course work is designed for a 3-credit course.