

**St. Francis Xavier University  
Department of Sociology  
Sociology 491: Senior Seminar  
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Mondays 9-11 and 12:30-2

Tuesdays 11-2

Thursdays 9:30-12:30

The senior seminar is a non-credit course that is required for Sociology Honours students. The purpose of this course is to provide a class time and space to allow Honours students to share their ideas about their thesis work in a supportive and encouraging environment. The third year Honours students will be integrated into most classes. Their assignment due dates are highlighted in blue, below. Those enrolled in 491 can disregard these highlighted areas.

**Please see Rhonda MacDonald or Marion Stewart-MacDonald (AX103) if you want to get a key to the student resource room (Annex 8B).**

**Please note: Dates highlighted in grey are department due dates, while items highlighted in blue are only relevant to those enrolled in 391:**

**FALL TERM**

September 5: Course orientation & Introduction to Thesis Advisor Agreement Form

September 12: Discuss Thesis stages & 'gaining confidence in your topic'.

September 19: Preparing your proposal

September 26: The major obstacles to completing project milestones & 391 Proposal due

September 30: Student /Advisor agreement form must be submitted & Completed  
Proposals must be submitted to the Advisor

October 3: Reflection on proposals & group feedback

October 10: Discussion: Chapter development

October 17: How do I apply to the Research Ethics Board? & 391 References

Assignment due

October 24: Discuss data collection & analysis

October 31: Discussion: Presenting in an academic context.

November 7: No class

November 14: Discussion: 'What goes in a concluding chapter?'

November 15: Research Ethics Applications due today.

November 21: Discussion: 'Graduate school, and beyond'

November 28: Informal gathering at alternative locale & 391 Literature Review due

December 1<sup>st</sup>: First 2 chapters to be submitted to supervisor through me.

## **WINTER TERM**

- January 9: Presentation and feedback on submitted chapters
- January 16: Presentation and feedback on submitted chapters
- January 23: Discuss graduate programs & Student Research Day
- January 30: Discuss grants & scholarships
- February 6: Planning your thesis presentation & preparing for Student Research Day
- February 13: Developing a CV
- February 15: **Submit first draft of your thesis to your advisor for comments**
- February 20: No class: Winter Recess
- February 27: Final draft support
- March 1: **Final draft due to advisor**
- March 6: Practice Ninety Second Thesis & **391 Critical Essay Due**
- March 8: Ninety Second Thesis Competition
- March 13: Practice thesis presentations
- March 25: Mid-March Thesis presentations (Date, time and location to be confirmed)
- March 27: Class will attend Student Research Day
- March 31: **Submit final draft of the thesis for grading to me.**
- April 15: **Submit 3 edited FINAL copies to Chair for binding and grading**