

Sociology 491: Senior Seminar
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The senior seminar is a non-credit course that is required for 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 course is paired and schedule with the junior seminar (SOC1391) to bring honours students together. You will be invited to provide some mentorship to them. Some time is given to learning best practices for apply for scholarships and graduate programs. We also discuss how to organize a thesis and strategies for knowledge mobilization.

FALL TERM	Highlighted dates are department or university deadlines
September 16	Welcome, proposal orientation & Thesis Advisor Agreement Form
September 23	The Canada Graduate Scholarship & the Canada Curriculum Vitae
September 30	RefWorks, Student Research Day, etc
September 30	Thesis Advisor Agreement form & thesis proposal due by Sept. 30
October 7	Introduction to apply for research ethics
October 14	Thesis proposal presentations (10 minutes)
October 21	Applying for graduate school and scholarships
November 4	Developing the literature review & methods section (chapter 1 & 2)
November 11	no class / REB applications are due by November 15
November 20	Student discussions on graduate programs and scholarships
November 27	Submit 2 chapters of your thesis to your advisor by Dec. 1
December 1/2	Canada Graduate Scholarship due by Dec. 1 / discuss winter term

WINTER TERM

January 6	Presentations of submitted chapters (10-15 minutes each)
January 13	Next steps
January 20	Discuss on data collection & analysis
January 27	Discuss on chapter development
February 3	Discuss on the concluding chapter
February 10	Orientation to thesis presentations & Student Research Day
February 20	Winter term recess: No class
February 27	Your questions
March 1	Submit first draft of your thesis to your advisor by March 1
March 3 & 10	Discuss/plan thesis presentations & Student Research Day
mid-March	Thesis presentations (date & time to be confirmed)
March 17	Discuss/plan thesis presentations & Student Research Day
March 24	Discuss how to edit graded thesis for final copy (ready for binding).
March 31	Submit final draft of the thesis for grading
April 15	Submit final edited copy to the Chair for grade submission