

St. Francis Xavier University
Department of Sociology
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 third year honours students will be integrated into most classes. If you need a key to use the **student resource room** (Annex 8B), please see Carla Haley-Baxter.

FALL TERM

September 5	Course orientation
September 12	Introduction to thesis advisor agreement form; thesis proposal orientation
September 19	RefWorks orientation; Submit thesis advisor agreement form by 30/09
September 26	Tri-Council Policy/ReseEthics/Student Research Day
September 30	Submit thesis proposal to your advisor
October 3	Proposal presentations (10-15 minutes each)
October 10	Proposal presentations (10-15 minutes each)
October 17 & 24	Choosing and applying to graduate school and preparing a CV
October 31	Orientation to applying for scholarship and requesting letters of reference
November 7	Student presentations on graduate programs (10-15 minutes each)
November 14	Ethics Application due today (in class) ; discussion of follow-up
November 21	Ethics Application Presentations (10-15 minutes)
November 28	No class: individual meetings by request
December 1	Submit two chapters of your thesis to your advisor

WINTER TERM

January 9	Presentation of submitted chapters (15-20 minutes each)
January 16	Presentation of submitted chapters (15-20 minutes each)
January 23	Help 3 rd year students to plan their Sociology forum
January 30	Discuss your questions on data collection & analysis, chapter development
February 6	Discuss your questions on data collection & analysis, chapter development
February 13	Discuss your questions on what goes in a concluding chapter
February 20	Planning for the practice thesis presentations & Student Research Day
March 1	Submit first full draft of your thesis to your advisor
March 6 & 13	Practice thesis presentations
March 15??	Thesis presentations (date & time to be confirmed)
March 20	Discuss experience of presenting one's thesis & Student Research Day
March 21	Student Research Day (Participation is recommended; please attend)
March 27	Discuss editing your graded thesis for final copy (ready for binding).
March 31	Submit your final draft of thesis to your advisor for grading
April 3	No class: You only have minor editing left; good luck with your exams ☺
April 15	Submit <u>3 edited FINAL</u> copies to Carla for binding & grade submission