



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Honors Program Information

The Department of Sociology offers an Honors Program for students who have demonstrated excellence in the sociology major.

This program runs fall quarter and winter quarter each year. Enrollment is limited, and the presiding faculty member will make the final decision of acceptance into the program.

Course Requirements

The program requires students to take SOCI 196A: Advanced Studies in Sociology and SOCI 196B: Supervised Thesis Research. These two courses can be counted as two elective requirements toward the general sociology major or concentrations. This is a wonderful program that provides participants the opportunity to improve their skills in research and writing. Students planning to go on to graduate school will possess a strong writing sample to submit with their application.

If a participant's GPA in the major falls below 3.5 or their overall GPA falls below 3.2 or if they do not earn at least an "A-" in the program, they will not graduate with honors. However, the two courses will still count as two electives required for the general sociology major or concentrations.

- Students earning an A+ will graduate "With Highest Distinction."
- Students earning an A will graduate "With High Distinction."
- Students earning an A- will graduate "With Distinction."

Seminar Descriptions

SOCI 196A: Advanced Studies in Sociology This seminar will permit honors students to explore advanced issues in the field of sociology. It will also provide honors students with the opportunity to develop a senior thesis proposal on a topic of their choice and begin preliminary work on the honors thesis under faculty supervision.

SOCI 196B: Supervised Thesis Research This course will provide honors candidates with an opportunity to complete the research on and final preparation of a senior honors thesis under close faculty supervision.

Eligibility Requirements

- Junior or senior standing (90 units completed)
- 3.5 GPA or better in the major, maintained until graduation
- Recommendation of two faculty member familiar with your work
 - No letters of recommendation required. Faculty will be provided with a short questionnaire.
- Completed at least four upper-division sociology courses
- Overall 3.2 GPA or better, maintained until graduation
- Must have completed SOCI 100 **and** one upper-division methods course
- Submit a half page statement with a description of your research topic along with a ten-item bibliography
- Obtain a faculty advisor to work with in your research
- Submit a writing sample (i.e. term paper, take home exam)



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Honors Program Application

NAME _____ STUDENT PID # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE # _____

Current Major GPA _____ Current Overall GPA _____

List all the sociology courses that you have taken; both lower and upper-division (include currently enrolled)

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Whom have you selected as your faculty advisor?

Please check with the faculty member prior to listing their name to make certain that they are available to work with you during the upcoming fall and winter quarters.

Faculty Advisor's Name: _____

List at least two sociology professors who are familiar with your work and would be willing to recommend you. (You may want to meet with these faculty members briefly to tell them that you are listing their name as a reference.)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
(Optional)

IMPORTANT: Attach a half page statement with a description of the research topic that you would like to pursue during this two quarter Honors Program, including a ten-item bibliography. If needed, your faculty advisor can assist you.

Please complete this application form and submit it to the Department of Sociology no later than the **end of week five of spring quarter**, to be considered for the fall/winter quarters Honors Program.

Student will be notified in July whether or not they have been accepted into the program.