

SOCIOLOGY 301: HONORS THESIS WORKSHOP
Monday 5 pm
Sociology conference room

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I. Course Description

The fall semester of students' senior year is dedicated to finalizing the data analysis, writing a draft of the thesis, and revising the draft to create the final thesis. An important part of the course in the fall entails reading and providing feedback to the work of fellow students. As students begin the fall semester at different stages of data analysis, there will be flexibility in the timing of different assignments. Rather than read about how to conduct research, as you have done in previous classes, the focus will be on learning by doing. Every class meeting students will present the latest version of their results to the class. By workshopping ideas and arguments, students will refine their analyses, hone the presentation of their findings, and develop robust arguments and conclusions. Students are also responsible for meeting with their thesis advisors throughout the semester as needed; timely feedback from advisors on data analysis is essential to the successful completion of any project. The last class meeting will consist of 30-minute presentations of the final project.

II. Class Structure for Fall 2022

- All class sessions are planned to be in person.
- Students will have bi-weekly writing assignments designed to help them draft their theses. They will present updates in front of the class roughly every other week as well.

III. Assignments and Grading

- In-class participation (10%)
- Final written thesis – (70%)
- (Virtual) Presentation of final thesis – (10%)
- Watching and commenting on the presentations of others – (10%)