

SOC 491: Independent Senior Research Project (Thesis Option) Student Application Form

STEP ONE

By October 1st, you should carefully complete this form and take it to a faculty member you would like to have as your supervisor. They should promptly let you know whether they are in a position to supervise you or not. Please note that there is a limit as to the number of students each faculty member can supervise. If the professor is not able to supervise you, feel free to ask them for recommendations for others who may be appropriate. **You must have a supervisor if you wish to do a thesis.**

STEP TWO

After you have a professor's consent and signature on the form, hand it in to the Sociology Program Administrator by **3:00 PM on November 16th (or the next business day if November 16th falls on a weekend)**. Your information will then be verified by the Department.

Please answer to the following questions. Responses should be brief, up to 100 words (i.e., one succinct paragraph).

Your Name: _____

Contact information (for faculty to contact you to schedule meetings if required):

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Questions (please type answers to these questions on a separate sheet of paper):

1. What is your overall GPA?
2. What is your proposed thesis topic?
3. Why are you interested in this topic?
4. How do you plan to research this topic?
5. How have your studies to date prepared you to do thesis research?

Supervision Agreement

For the Thesis Supervisor

I agree to supervise this thesis. I expect to be consulted as the thesis project is designed, researched and written. I will be available for consultation on a basis to be worked out with the student. It is the normal expectation that I will provide comments on a full draft. The draft must be completed by March 15th (or the following business day if March 15th falls on a weekend) to permit revisions by the end of term.

Name of Supervisor: _____

Signature: _____

NOTE: Each Sociology faculty member is strongly advised to supervise only one final-year thesis project.

For the Thesis Student

I agree to work with this supervisor. I expect my supervisor to be available for consultation during the thesis design, research and writing process. I realize it is my responsibility to arrange for these consultations and to keep the thesis process moving. It is the normal expectation that I will revise the thesis on the basis of comments provided by my supervisor on a full draft. The draft must be completed by March 15th (or the following business day if March 15th falls on a weekend) to permit revisions by the end of term.

Name of Student: _____

Signature: _____

NOTE: Permission to take SOC 491 must be granted by the Chair of the Sociology Department. Decisions are contingent on a minimum B- grade in SOC 490 and a minimum B- CGPA.