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SOCI 494/5A: Honors/High Honors Seminar in Sociology

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Requirements: This is a two semester course where you are required to take both the fall and spring component. You will receive a grade for each semester.

FALL SEMESTER

Participation (30%): This is a course where you will do a great deal of learning from each other. You are expected to attend class, be prepared, and to participate in class discussions and activities. Missing more than three classes in a semester will result in automatic failure of the course. (If your absence incurs a dean's excuse, you will be offered an assignment to do to make up that absence.)

IRB Proposal: Due Sept 24

Annotated bibliography/ Lit Review (10%) : Due October 6

Research Proposal Rough Draft (5%): Due October 27

Research Proposal Defense (25%): November 10

FINAL Research Proposal/Timeline Due (30%): Due December 1

SPRING SEMESTER

Participation (30%)

Honors/HH Thesis Outline: Due March 1

Posters Due, March 7, 9:00, on Moodle.

Public Poster Session (15%): Tuesday, March 8; Alumni 433 (SOAN Lounge)

Honors/HH Thesis Rough Draft: Due March 22

Submit Data to Dataverse Repository: Due April 5:

Final Honors/HH Thesis (40%): Due April 11. This is the paper that will be judged to determine if the candidate is able to stand for Honors or High Honors or not.

*(*Final Research Papers for those not standing for H/HH (55%) due to Prof Hsu April 19)*

Digital version of H/HH Research paper to SOAN Department (Karen Austin): April 21

Honors/High Honors Thesis Defenses (15%): May 4.

Readings:

All readings are on Moodle.

However, it helps to have/borrow Babbie, *The Basics of Social Research* (from SOCI 250)

Late Work Will NOT Be Accepted for Honors/High Honors

**For students who choose not to go for Honors/ High Honors,
your grade will drop half a letter grade every late day.**

FALL SEMESTER Schedule

Friday, August 28: Course Introduction

Week 1

Tuesday, September 1: The Anatomy of the Honors Thesis/Community Building

Skim at least two Honors theses

Week 2

Tuesday, September 8: What Data are Available? **Class at Case Library, rm 501**

Skim Hsu, "Political Narratives and the Production of Legitimacy," Meghan Seok, "The Many Facebooks of Colgate" (SOAN High Honors Thesis) and Sara Reichert, "Assimilation Vs Desegregation," All on Moodle. Also look at Colgate's Dataverse.

Week 3

Tuesday, September 15: IRB/ Theoretical Approaches: Marxist and Durkheimian

Readings: IRB documents and "Create and Manage Data: Anonymization."

Davis and Moore, "Some Principles of Stratification."

Skim: Paul Lopes, "Innovation and Diversity in the Popular Music Industry" (*American Sociological Review*) and Christina Helms, "University Facebook Pages," (SOAN High Honors thesis)

***Post research question and preliminary list of scholarly literature on Moodle at least 1 hour before class.**

***Sign up Topical Advisor**

Week 4

Tuesday, September 22: Theoretical Approaches: Weberian and Symbolic Interactionism

Swidler, "Culture in Action: Symbols and Strategies,"

Goffman, "The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life," Martin, "Normalizing Heterosexuality."

Skim: Claire Sims, "The Effectiveness of a Total Institution" (SOAN senior thesis 2003, and Naomi Rayfield, "Online Sex Workers' Pursuit of Professionalization" (SOAN High Honors thesis 2010)

IRB Proposal Due in class

Week 5

Tuesday, September 29: Theoretical Approaches: Foucault, and Bourdieu

Read Garner and Hancock, "Power, Bodies and Subjects: The Social Theory of Michel Foucault", and selections from Bourdieu and Wacquant, *An Invitation to Reflexive Sociology*, Warde, Martens, Olsen's "Consumption and the Problem of Variety."

Skim SOAN honors theses: Hannah Guy "Have their Beer and Drink It Too" (2012), and Elyse Cianfarano, "Colgate Contested" (2015)

Week 6

Tuesday, October 6: Hypotheses and Methods:

"Content Analysis Flowchart," Ball-Rokeach, "Values and Violence," Geertz, "Thick Description", and Hamilton, Cheng and Powell, all on Moodle. Babbie, *the Basics of Social Research*, ch 5 and 7 (skim).

Literature Review or Annotated Bibliography Due

Week 7

Tuesday, October 13: **Fall Break, NO CLASS!!**

Week 8

Tuesday, October 20: Methods Refresher – bring survey or interview instruments, or examples of content for

analysis (CLASS TIME NEEDS TO BE RESCHEDULED)

Week 9

Tuesday, October 27: **Research Proposal rough drafts due**. Begin data gathering.

Week 10

Tuesday, November 3: Research_Proposal rough draft workshops

Week 11

Tuesday, November 10: 2:45-6:15

***Research Proposal Defense**

Week 12:

Tuesday, November 17: Debrief from defenses.

Week 13

Thanksgiving Break

Week 14

Tuesday, December 1: **Final Research Proposals Due**

Week 15

Tuesday, December 8: Wrap Up Party

SPRING SEMESTER Schedule

Week 1

Monday, January 18: NO MEETING

Tuesday, January 19: Data gathering/analysis update

Week 2

Tuesday, January 26: Data gathering/analysis update
SPSS session, if needed

Week 3

Tuesday, February 2: IRB due, if necessary. Poster instruction session: **Class at Case Library**.

Week 4

Tuesday, February 9: Data analysis update. Rough draft of Intro/Literature/Theory Methods sections Due

Week 5

Tuesday, February 16: Finish data analysis. Discuss presentation of results.

Week 6

Tuesday, February 23: Poster Workshop. **Class at Case Library**. Bring text and images.

Week 7

Tuesday, March 1: ***Rough Rough Draft or Full Outline (with updated bibliography) due in class, as well as to thesis advisors.**

Week 8

Monday, March 7: Posters due, submit on Moodle by 9am

Tuesday, March 8: Public Poster Session. Alumni 433 (SOAN Lounge)

*******Spring Break!!!!*******

Week 9

Tuesday, March 22:

****Full Rough drafts due in class and to thesis advisors**

Week 10

March 29:

Rough draft workshops

Week 11

Tuesday, April 5:

Submit Data to Dataverse Repository

Week 12

Tuesday, April 12: Class only if needed

**** Honors/High Honors papers due to advisors Friday, April 17****

Week 13

Tuesday, April 19: **Final papers due by noon** for students not standing for Honors/High Honors

Thursday, April 21: ****Digital version of Honors/High Honors thesis due to SOAN Dept by noon.** (Email to kfaustin@colgate.edu)

Week 14

Tuesday, April 26:

Prepare for presentations and defenses.

Finals Week

Tuesday, May 4: **Honors/ High Honors Presentations/Defenses - SOAN Lounge**