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SOCI 494

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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.”
*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,”

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 Reflective 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:
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
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
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