

# SENIOR THESIS APPLICATION

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Congratulations! You have decided to write a senior thesis. This is an exciting opportunity to gain independent research experience under the guidance of a faculty member. A senior thesis will give you a great advantage in graduate school applications, but also for competitive job applications. Topics and research strategies are student driven, but need to be approved by the faculty mentor.

Before you can start your senior thesis, the following conditions must be met:

- ✓ I have completed SOC 3111 & SOC 3112
- ✓ My Sociology GPA is 3.30 or higher
- ✓ I have met with my senior thesis faculty mentor at least once prior to submitting this application

Expectations:

A senior thesis is typically empirical in nature, that is a student collects or uses existing qualitative or quantitative data. Your senior thesis mentor can clarify what “counts” as data. You are expected to write a complete paper that follows the conventions of a scholarly paper in sociology. The length and concrete format of your is up to the discretion of your faculty mentor.

The senior thesis program is a two semester commitment. The preferred sequence is to start in the fall semester and finish in the spring semester.

You have to enroll in two courses,

- SOC 3877 Pre-Senior Thesis Seminar (first semester) and
- SOC 4877 Senior Thesis (second semester)

If you plan to do part of your research during the summer please verify that your faculty mentor is available. Most faculty members do not teach during the summer and have very limited availability.

## **Deadline and Application Materials**

Submit BEFORE the end of the second week of classes of your first senior thesis semester

Completed and signed application form

Copy of transcript or DARS

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Please submit your application to Claudia Geist

Name: Address:

Contact Phone: Email:

UID# : Date:

Class Standing: SR ☐ JR

- Semester 1: SOC 3877 Pre-Senior Thesis Seminar Fall/Spring/Summer \_\_\_\_\_
- SOC 4877 Senior Thesis (second semester) Fall/Spring/Summer \_\_\_\_\_

Thesis Title:

Brief description (250 words max):

Applicant Signature/date

By signing I am acknowledging that I am submitting my personal information to the Department of Sociology for candidacy in the Senior Thesis Program. I understand the qualifications and have met with a faculty tutor and have submitted a thesis description along with my transcripts or DARS.

Faculty Mentor Signature/date

By signing I agree to supervise the applicant's senior thesis project. I will inform the director or undergraduate studies if the student is no longer on track to complete their project over the span of two semester.

