

Sociology 491: Senior Seminar  
Department of Sociology, St. Francis Xavier University  
**2021-2022**

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The senior seminar (SOCI491) is a non-credit course that is required for honours students. It is paired with the junior seminar ([SOCI391](#)) to create an honours class. Class time is used to discuss your thesis work in a supportive environment, as well as learning best practices for apply for scholarships and graduate programs, and ways of sharing your thesis results.

<b>FALL TERM</b>	Highlighted dates are department or university deadlines
September 7	Welcome, orientation to proposal & thesis advisor agreement form
September 14	391 today: Introduction to the assignments; 491 CGC & CCV
September 21	Literature Review; Academic Integrity and Plagiarism in Research
September 23	Due today: Thesis Advisor Agreement form & thesis proposal
September 28	391 today: Discuss library research for development of research questions
October 5	Research ethics (REB); Student Research Day (SRD), etc.
October 12	Thesis proposal presentations (10 minutes)
<a href="#">October 19</a>	391 today: Introduction to writing a literature review (491 welcome)
October 26	Developing the literature review & methods section (chapter 1 & 2)
November 2	Applying for graduate school and graduate scholarships
November 9	University closed / REB applications are due by November 15
November 16	Student discussions/questions on graduate programs and scholarships
<a href="#">November 23</a>	391 today: Introduction to critical review essay
Nov.30/ Dec. 1	Discuss chapter submissions: Canada Graduate Scholarship due Dec. 1
December 7	Discuss winter term: Submit two chapters of thesis by Dec. 7

### **WINTER TERM**

January 4	SOCI491: presentations of submitted chapters
January 11	Discuss time lines; undergraduate research awards
January 18	Discuss data analysis
<a href="#">January 25</a>	Discuss grant vs presentation option; Discuss 400 chapter development
February 1	Your questions
February 8	Discuss the concluding chapter
February 15	Orientation to thesis presentations & Student Research Day
February 22	Your questions
<a href="#">March 1</a>	Submit first draft of your thesis to your advisor by March 1 (CCV-391)
March 8	Discuss/plan thesis presentations & Student Research Day
Week of March 14	Thesis presentations (date& time to be confirmed)
March 17	Discuss/plan thesis presentations & Student Research Day
March 29	Discuss how to edit graded thesis for final copy (ready for binding).
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April 5	Submit revised draft of the thesis to advisor for grading
April 20	Submit final edited copy to Chair/Advisor for grade submission