

St. Francis Xavier University
Department of Sociology
Sociology 491: Senior Seminar
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The senior seminar is a non-credit course that is required for honours students. The purpose of this course is to provide a class time and space to allow honours students to share their ideas about their thesis work in a supportive and encouraging environment. The third year honours students will be integrated into most classes.

FALL TERM

September 4	Course orientation; Introduction to thesis advisor agreement form
September 11	Thesis proposal orientation: Establish topic/literature/question/method
September 18	No class
September 25	RefWorks orientation; Submit thesis advisor agreement form by 09/25
October 2	Introduction to Student Research Ethics/REB & Student Research Day
October 9	Proposal presentations (15 minutes)
October 16	Fall term recess: No class
October 23	Applying for graduate school and scholarships; developing a CV
October 30	Ethics Application due Oct. 29 by email; presented today
November 6	Developing your literature review
November 13	Student discussions on graduate programs and scholarships
November 20	No class: individual meetings by request
November 27	Submit 2 chapters of your thesis to your advisor [Department deadline]

WINTER TERM

January 8	Presentations of submitted chapters (10-15 minutes each)
January 15	Next steps
January 22	Discuss on data collection & analysis
January 29	Discuss on chapter development
February 5	Discuss on the concluding chapter
February 12	Planning for the practice thesis presentations & Student Research Day
February 26	Winter term recess: No class
March 2	Submit first draft of your thesis to your advisor [Department deadline]
March 4	Practice thesis presentations and discuss Student Research Day
mid-March	Thesis presentations (date & time to be confirmed) [Department deadline]
March 18	Discuss presenting your thesis and plans for Student Research Day
March 19	Student Research Day (6-9 pm: Participation is recommended)
March 25	Discuss editing your graded thesis for final copy (ready for binding).
March 31	Submit final draft of the thesis for grading [Dept. deadline]
April 15	Submit 3 edited FINAL copies to the Chair for binding & grade submission [Departmental deadline]