Sociology 491: Honors Thesis Readings  
Spring 2015

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Time & Location: To be arranged with the student

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COURSE INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Texts and Other Necessities: No texts required; student and professor will use sources as needed for thesis.

University Catalog Description: No description; a thesis readings course work load and assignments are determined by the student’s topic and advisor’s guidance.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1) Student will complete CITI ethics training
2) Student will complete and submit IRB protocol
3) Student will conduct selected reading, and formulate the first draft of the honors thesis
4) Student will produce and defend an honors thesis proposal. If the student does not complete and defend the thesis proposal during the Spring 2015 semester, the instructor will assign a grade of “I” and the student will defend the proposal in a subsequent semester.

Technology Requirements: The student will need access to the University library’s electronic features, as well as to a word processor and printer to prepare the thesis proposal.

Communication: Given the nature of a thesis project, the student has direct and near-unfettered access to the professor as the student completes readings and writes the thesis proposal.

Attendance & Academic Dishonesty: As the course does not meet in a formal and fixed setting, attendance is irrelevant. Although the student might attempt to use plagiarized material, the professor’s attentiveness will ensure that cheating and academic dishonesty does not occur. Should the student engage in plagiarism, the professor/advisor may request that the student drop the course and select an alternative topic and advisor.

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