



APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday July 19th, 2024.

2024/2025 SOCIOLOGY HONORS PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Sociology Honors Program is an academically rigorous program, designed for students who want closer intellectual contact with faculty, as well as students who are interested in graduate work in sociology or related professional fields. Over the course of the academic year, the program creates a cohort experience for participants through shared coursework and training in research methods and statistics while building a community of undergraduate scholars.

Our Honors curriculum trains students to design and execute their own research through small seminars and collaborative work. As part of the Honors experience, students are also able to include graduate level or advanced statistics coursework. The Honors year culminates in the students' presentations of their Senior Thesis projects at two spring events. First, the Undergraduate Research Symposium in Mary Gates Hall in mid-May, followed by the Sociology Department's Honors Showcase event a week or two later.

Successful graduates of the Sociology Honors Program are awarded a "Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Sociology." Students who complete both Interdisciplinary Honors and Departmental Honors are awarded a "Bachelor of Arts with College Honors in Sociology."

Our Honors Program is small by design. We encourage you to apply if you meet the requirements below, plan to graduate in spring or summer 2025, and want to engage in a rewarding and rigorous year-long program concluding with the completion of the Honors Thesis.

Admission Requirements:

- Current Sociology major (or incoming for autumn quarter 2024)
- A GPA of 3.50 in all UW Sociology and relevant Statistics courses
- A cumulative UW GPA of 3.30

Virtually all successful applicants have completed SOC 221 (or, STAT 220/290/311), as well as SOC 316 prior to starting Honors.

In order to graduate with Honors, a UW Sociology GPA of 3.50 and an overall UW GPA of 3.30 is required. For admission to the program, there can be some flexibility in terms of the GPA requirements.

Program Requirements:

Students must complete the following requirements to graduate with honors in Sociology:

- SOC 496-497: Honors Senior Seminar. This two-quarter sequence covers study design, helps to refine students' research questions and strategies, and prepares them to undertake original thesis research.
 - SOC 498: Honors Senior Thesis. Completion of an honors thesis through Study hours under direct supervision of an individual faculty member and graduate student mentor with expertise in the student's area of interest.
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In addition to the above courses, sometime during their honors year, students are required to complete one of the following:

- A graduate level seminar. Students should discuss this with the Honors Director as well as the Professor teaching the class. We encourage students who are considering graduate school to give this option careful consideration.
- A 400-level substantive W seminar with a faculty member in the department (in addition to any such courses students took prior to their honors year). This requirement may not be met with SOC 402/403/404, or SOC 499. Check with Sociology Advising before you sign up to make sure the class qualifies.
- Students may also propose to meet this requirement by taking an advanced Statistics course (frequently SOC 504 in autumn quarter) instead of one of the above options. The student should discuss this option with the Honors Director, as well as the Professor teaching the class. Another great option for students considering graduate school.

At graduation honors students need:

- A SOC GPA of at least 3.50 and an overall GPA of at least 3.30.
- A total of 60 credits (58 credits if a 3 credit graduate level course is included) in Sociology coursework, including all of the Honors requirements. Honors students must meet all other degree requirements for the BA in Sociology.

2024/2025 Program Schedule:

Autumn 2024

- SOC 496: Honors Senior Seminar, part 1 TUE and THU 2:30 – 4:20

Winter 2025

- SOC 497: Honors Senior Seminar, part 2 TUE and THU 2:30 – 4:20

Spring 2025

- SOC 498: Honors Senior Thesis By individual arrangement

In addition to the above, students are also required to complete the aforementioned graduate level sociology seminar, or an advanced statistics course, or a 400-level substantive seminar.

Registration:

Once a student has been accepted into the Honors Program, Sociology Advising will assist students with registration for their honors course.

Questions:

Email asksoc@uw.edu to set up an advising appointment with Susanna Hansson or Randall Perez, our academic counselors.
