

SOC499 Proposal for Professor Zack Almquist's UW RDS Project

Undergraduate Research Assistant Project description for
Counting Unsheltered People Experiencing Homelessness

SUMMER or AUTUMN QUARTER 2023

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name
Student Number	UW NetID
Quarter (SUM or AUT) and #Credits (2 or 3)	How many credits of SOC 499 were you registered for in SPR 2023?
Title/Subject of research	
Faculty Sponsor (Print name)	

AGREEMENT

Professor Almquist and _____ (student name and SSID) have reviewed the proposal on page 3 of this document. Our signatures indicate approval of the proposal as written.

FACULTY SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Date

SPONSOR (IF OTHER THAN FACULTY)

Date

STUDENT SIGNATURE

Date

GENERAL SOC 499 INFORMATION

SOC 499 enables students to investigate areas of intellectual interest substantially distinct from existing courses, and/or to pursue modes of inquiry that are more intensive, specialized, or innovative than those encountered in conventional coursework. The content should be clearly sociological, and at least as demanding as that in other upper-level sociology courses. Students are expected to have exhausted the available formal courses relevant to their chosen subject and to have prepared themselves for undertaking such specialized study. A SOC 499 project should not overlap significantly with existing courses.

SOC 499 implies a tutorial contract between the student and faculty sponsor in which the student completes:

- a specific, supervised program of reading or research
- or the student works as a Research Assistant as part of a Faculty Research project, in a defined role, with obligations and tasks clearly outlined and agreed on and for which training is provided.
- In some situations, the RA may be part of a team of researchers.

The project proposal (page 3 of this document) should make the above explicit.

Students may enroll in SOC 499 for two to five credits per quarter unless other limits are specified (for a maximum ten credits total). Sociology majors may count no more than a **combined total** of five credits of SOC 499 and SOC 399 (Sociology Internship) toward sociology electives. SOC 499 credits **may not substitute for any other major requirement**. All 499 credit hours will be graded C/NC.

SOC 499 ALMQUIST PROJECT PROPOSAL

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During Spring quarter 2023, _____ (name and SSID) served as a Research Assistant on the above project and they now have an opportunity to continue serving as a Research Assistant for Professor Zack Almquist, Principal Investigator (P.I.) and the ***UW Respondent Driven Sampling of People Experiencing Homelessness*** project during SUM or Aut quarter 2023.

1. Describe the goals for this research project and how the undergraduate RAs will be involved

For summer and/or autumn quarter, the focus for RAs will be to assist with:

- Writing up project reports from the data
- Project outreach, including website development

0. State the learning objectives for this project. What skills or knowledge will the student gain?

This RA position will provide experiential learning for students on how to present and disseminate collected data on people experiencing homelessness to a variety of audiences and stakeholders.

Training for RA duties will include:

- how to conduct literature reviews and do report write-ups
- project management and outreach, primarily through web created content
- exposure to data analysis for policy oriented as well as academic audiences

0. How will we evaluate your performance and completion of the objectives set forth above?

Performance as an RA will be evaluated by Professor Almquist, PI, based on

- Attendance at all required trainings
- RAs are expected to work for:
 - 2 Credits – 6 hours/week for 9 weeks (54 hours for the quarter)
 - 3 Credits – 9 hours/week for 9 weeks (81 hours for the quarter)