



APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY APRIL 10, 2020.

2020-2021 SOCIOLOGY HONORS PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Sociology Honors Program is an academically rigorous program designed for students who want to work closely with a faculty member on a scholarly project, as well as for students who are interested in graduate work in sociology or related professional fields. The program provides 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 allowed to participate in graduate level or advanced statistics seminars. At the end of the year, students present their senior thesis projects at two spring events - the Undergraduate Research Symposium in Mary Gates Hall (May 15th) and the Sociology Department's Undergraduate Symposium (late May/early June). The Sociology symposium is sponsored by Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD), the International Sociology Honors Society.

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 2021, and want to engage in a rewarding and rigorous year-long program concluding with the completion of an honors thesis.

Admission Requirements:

- Acceptance to the Sociology major
- A GPA of 3.50 in all UW Sociology and relevant statistics courses
- A cumulative UW GPA of 3.30

NOTE: Virtually all successful applicants have completed SOC 221 (or one of the other two permitted statistics options, STAT 220/STAT 311) and 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:

- 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. Successful completion a honors thesis through a CR/NC independent study course under direct supervision of an individual faculty member or graduate student mentor with expertise in the student's area of interest.
- In addition to the above courses, sometime during their honors year, students are required to take:
 - One 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.
 - If a student is interested in taking a graduate level substantive seminar instead, they should discuss it with the Honors Faculty Director as well as the professor teaching the class. Sociology graduate level courses are 3 credits but the department can facilitate a 2 credit SOC 499 add-on in cases where it's needed for the student to reach 60 sociology credits in total.
 - Students may also propose to meet this requirement by taking an advanced statistics course instead of one of the above options. The student should discuss this option with the Honors Faculty Director, as well as the Professor teaching the class.
- A SOC GPA of at least 3.50 and a UW GPA of at least 3.30 at graduation.
- A total of 60 credits in sociology coursework, including all of the honors requirements. Honors students must meet all other degree requirements for the BA in Sociology (see checklist on page 4).

2020-2021 Anticipated Program Schedule:

Autumn 2020

- SOC 496 (5 credits): Honors Senior Seminar Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:20

Winter 2021

- SOC 497 (5 credits): Honors Senior Seminar Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:20

Spring 2021

- SOC 498 (5 credits): Honors Senior Thesis By individual arrangement

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



Registration:

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

Questions:

Email asksoc@uw.edu to set up an advising appointment with one of our academic counselors.



2020-2021 Honors Application Form: *Due by: 4pm Friday April 10, 2020 in Savery 203*

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete this form and attach the following documents (single-sided please) in the order listed below:

- Statement of Purpose 1-2 double spaced pages, size 12 font. Your statement should demonstrate a genuine interest in questions of sociological relevance and a basic understanding of social science research. We are looking for evidence that you can succeed in the program.
- Writing Sample Your Honors Thesis will be an analytical paper, written in an academic style appropriate to the discipline. Submit a writing sample that demonstrates your analytical skills and ability to write in that style. If you submit a class paper as your sample, please note what class you wrote it for and include the original prompt for the assignment. NOTE: your writing sample must be solo authored. Group project papers are not acceptable.
- Unofficial UW Transcript You can print this from MyUW.
- Letters of Recommendation are NOT required.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____

UW Email _____

Student No _____

ACADEMIC SUMMARY

Credits through winter 2020 UW _____

Total Credits _____

Cum. UW GPA (UW courses only) _____

UW Sociology GPA _____

Sociology courses completed through winter 2020			
Course Number	Qtr/Year	Grade	School (if not UW)

NOTE: If you wish to highlight non-sociology and/or non-UW coursework or experiential learning that you feel are relevant to your application, please do so in your statement.



The Sociology Honors Program requires a total of 60 credits. The program begins in autumn quarter and is completed during the course of one academic year.

HONORS REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST		
	COURSE	QTR/YR
A. INTRODUCTORY COURSEWORK (10 CREDITS) Any 5 credit course in Sociology and completion of or current enrollment in SOC 300.		
	SOC 300	
B. STATISTICS AND THEORY (10 CREDITS) (STAT 220 or STAT 311 may be taken instead of SOC 221) We recommend completion of these courses before students take upper division courses.	SOC 221	
	SOC 316	
C. TWO-QUARTER HONORS SEMINAR (10 CREDITS)	SOC 496	AUT
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D. HONORS THESIS (5 CREDITS)	SOC 498	SPR
E. 400-LEVEL COURSE, GRADUATE LEVEL SEMINAR OR ADVANCED STATISTICS COURSE (3-5 CREDITS)		
F. ADDITIONAL SOCIOLOGY ELECTIVES (20 CREDITS) 20 credits of additional sociology courses, at least 10 of which must be 300 or 400 level courses.		

To graduate with Honors in Sociology, students must complete the above courses, have a cumulative 3.50 GPA in UW Sociology and relevant Statistics coursework, as well as a 3.30 overall UW GPA at graduation. They must also successfully complete the Honors Thesis.

Where Honors requirements do not meet or exceed standard degree requirements for the BA in Sociology, Honors students must meet the standard BA requirements. If students do not complete all Honors requirements, Honors coursework will count as upper division credit toward standard BA course requirements.