Sociology Honors Program—Resources and Key Dates

The Honors Program in Sociology consists of advanced independent study under the direction of a faculty supervisor, culminating in the completion and presentation to the department of an honors thesis. A major who successfully completes an honors thesis in sociology will also satisfy the culminating experience in the major. The program is open to any major who satisfies the minimum college honors requirements, including a 3.0 GPA overall, has a 3.3 GPA in the major, and has completed all theory and methods requirements for the major prior to submission of the thesis proposal.

Core Requirements: [https://sociology.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/honors-program](https://sociology.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/honors-program)

_A Brief Guide For Sociology Honors Thesis Students_ by Morgan C. Matthews ’15

Key Dates:

Think of the thesis as a year-long endeavor. It usually takes a year (or more) to develop a research question, identify relevant data, and carry out a meaningful study. Start early.

**Junior Spring:** Connect with a faculty advisor and begin to develop your project and research question, and to identify relevant data.

**Junior Spring/Summer:** Will you be using human subjects? If yes, connect with your advisor and Dartmouth’s Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects to submit your review form. This will take some time. Plan ahead.
[https://www.dartmouth.edu/cphs/tosubmit/forms/](https://www.dartmouth.edu/cphs/tosubmit/forms/)

**Senior Summer/Fall:** Data collection. Whether you are conducting interviews, collecting historical data, or using a pre-existing dataset, data collection and cleaning will always take longer than you expect. Start early. Aim to have all data in hand and ready to go by the end of fall term.

**Senior Fall:** Thesis proposal due to the chair by the end of week 3.
[https://sociology.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/honors/thesis-proposal](https://sociology.dartmouth.edu/undergraduate/honors/thesis-proposal)

**Senior Winter and Spring:** Enroll in SOCY 98 & 99 (Honors Credits). A preliminary draft of the thesis is due no later than the end of the fifth week of Spring senior year.

**Senior Spring:** Present your findings to the faculty in mid-May! The final draft of the thesis is due no later than the end of the eighth week of Spring senior year.
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Check out senior thesis presentations May 10-12 in Blunt 007 and via Zoom

Ray Crist: Tuesday, May 10, 4:30-5:30, 
https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/95737302836?pwd=cVEwWlViQUw0TFRUbk9qbGtiaGN2dz09
#BlackLivesMatter:
A Network Analysis.

Kelly Zeilman: Tuesday, May 10, 5:30-6:30
https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/96855965618?pwd=NXFqc2dXWmFieUMrDZpaXZtMndpUT09
Resistance and Resignation:
The Impact of Rural School Consolidation on Community in Vermont

Samuel Selleck: Wednesday, May 11, 5:00-6:00
https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/95678096836?pwd=ZmtNY2o3b3UrVnZaMiVeUFDeThkdz09
Invited, but not Included? A Social Network Analysis of Race and Class in Greek Life

Allison Tannenbaum: Thursday, May 12, 4:30-5:30
https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/99564651459?pwd=MWNvMIZkWl1b0VYXhJSJp0a0gwQT09
"Our Hearts and Our Souls Are Still There”:
Stigma and Incarcerated Pregnancy in North Carolina

Amanda Donald-Phillips: Thursday, May 12, 5:30-6:30
https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/98916561616?pwd=alRSZdJR2VHL0Z0ckY0K0tTdVI2UT09
Present in Discussion, Missing in Action: How Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Initiatives Impact Black Women’s Corporate Work Experience