

Sociology 391: Junior Seminar  
St. Francis Xavier University  
Department of Sociology  
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The junior seminar is a full-year, *three-credit* course offered to Honours Sociology students in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Paired with SOCI491, 3<sup>rd</sup> year honours students shadow and work alongside 4<sup>th</sup> year honours students to observe the steps taken in completing a thesis project. A copy of the SOCI491 syllabus is shared to provide a working schedule for the year. As part of the SOCI391 course work, students will develop a *curriculum vitae* (or CV); learn "best practices" for applying for research grants, graduate programs, and scholarships; and explore the importance of knowledge mobilization.

Meeting time

This year, we meet weekly in the K7 time block (Tuesdays, 2:15-3:05).

Required Textbook: Donileen Loseke. 2017. *Methodological Thinking: Basic Principles of Social Research Design, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.* Los Angeles: SAGE.

Evaluation

The focus of the course work is to explore the literature review in academic research. The assignments are linked around an "area study" of your choice. The instructions are posted on Moodle and discussed in class. Your course grade is based on the following work.

10%	Participation & completion of Canada Curriculum Vitae (CCV)	March 1
20%	Area study proposal with reference list	Oct. 19
25%	Area study: paper 1: Review essay on a broad topic area	Nov. 23
25%	Area study: paper 2: Critical review essay on a refined topic in the area	Jan. 25
10%	Canada Curriculum Vitae (CCV) (due March 1)	

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 10% A one-page (plus 1-2 pages of references) grant application based on the guidelines used for internal undergraduate scholarship. (by)
- 10% Prepare and present a poster or oral presentation of your area study. You can present this at Student Research Day or in class (due date is SRD, usually end of March)

A note on due dates and timelines for special circumstances

This 3-credit course can be available to students who plan to study abroad for the winter term of their third year or those starting the honours program at the beginning of the winter term (by permission of the Dean). For this reason, the due dates can be designed to fit a semester length time span. This flexibility is possible because SOCI391 is a 3-credit course, therefore the amount of course work is designed for a 3-credit course.