

**St. Francis Xavier University  
Department of Sociology  
Sociology 491: Senior Seminar  
2017-2018**

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Mondays 9-11 and 12:30-2

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Thursdays 9:30-12:30

Friday: No office hours

The senior seminar is a non-credit course that is required for honours students. The purpose of this course is to provide a class time and space to allow honours students to share their ideas about their thesis work in a supportive and encouraging environment. The third year honours students will be integrated into most classes. Their assignment due dates are highlighted in blue, below. Those enrolled in 491 can disregard these highlighted areas.

**Please see Rhonda MacDonald or Marion Stewart-MacDonald (AX103) if you want to get a key to the student resource room (Annex 8B).**

**Please note: Dates highlighted in grey are department due dates, while items highlighted in blue are only relevant to those enrolled in 391:**

**FALL TERM**

September 6: Course orientation and Introduction to thesis advisor agreement form

September 13: Discuss Thesis proposal: Establish topic/literature/question/method

September 20: Thesis advisor agreement form due today: Discuss strategies for completing project milestones

September 27: Discuss REB & Student Research Day (391 proposals due today)

October 4: Thesis proposal due today; Proposal presentations begin today

October 11: Proposal presentations continued (10-15 minutes)

October 18: Research Ethics discussion (391 References Assignment due today)

October 25: Applying for post-graduate degrees and scholarships;

November 1: Research Ethics Application due today: Discuss developing a CV

November 8: Discuss graduate programs and feedback on CVs

November 15: Discuss grants and scholarships and strategies for completing project milestones

November 22: Discussion: 'If not graduate school, what else?'

November 29: Submit 2 chapters of your thesis to your advisor (391 Literature review due)

## **WINTER TERM**

January 3: Presentations of submitted chapters (10-15 minutes each)

January 10: Presentations of submitted chapters (10-15 minutes each)

January 17: Discuss data collection & analysis

January 24: Discuss chapter development

January 31: Discuss what goes in a concluding chapter

February 7: Planning around thesis presentations and Student Research Day posters

February 14: Meet with your questions

February 21: No class: Winter Recess

February 28: Submit first draft of your thesis to your advisor:

March 7 and 14: Practice thesis presentations (March 7: 391 Critical essay due)

March 21 Mid-March Thesis presentations (Date and location to be confirmed)

March 28: No class: Students will instead, attend/present at Student Research Day

March 29: Student Research Day

March 31 Submit final draft of the thesis for grading

April 15 Submit 3 edited FINAL copies to Chair for binding and grading