

A thesis is an intensive study of a particular topic or question; it usually consists of a number of chapters which are linked together to form a single coherent piece of work. Its purpose is to offer those nearing the end of their program an opportunity to pursue in depth, an interest that they have developed in the general field of Sociology. In the thesis, you will have more time and freedom to follow individual interests than in a normal course, and more opportunity to "range" over the field than is possible in a normal course. You should complete your first and second year, and begin to familiarize yourself with relevant literature before you begin your fourth year.

The scope of the topic should not be too broad and should take into account limitations of time; people sometimes select topics that are too ambitious, even for two semesters of work. Bear in mind that the thesis is the equivalent of one full course, and you should tailor your plans to that scale of significance for your overall degree program. In instances where the thesis involves the use of human subjects (observations, interviews, surveys, etc.), you must undergo an "ethics review" procedure to ensure that the rights of these subjects are protected and the researcher is guarded against liability.

Supervision

The supervisor will provide advice about the basic plan for the work, such as limiting its scope to what is attainable and practical; advice about relevant literature and other sources of data; advice about specific problems that arise in the course of the work; and assistance in accessing sources outside the University, where appropriate.

Supervision should take

place at regular

state that if your thesis is not completed on time, your supervisor must submit an "IN" (Incomplete) grade together with an explanation of why the thesis is not yet completed.

Format and Presentation of the Thesis

You must submit a final copy of the thesis in pdf. to your supervisor and to the Head of the Department of Sociology.

The thesis must be in 12-point typescript using double-spacing and standard margins.

The thesis must be presented

SUGGESTED TIMETABLE FOR PREPARATION OF THE HONOURS THESIS

Spring 202	Preliminary exploration of an area of study and approach to prospective supervisor(s).
September 202	Selection of a thesis topic and agreement of supervisor, including preliminary discussion of the topic and relevant source material.
Early October 202	Submission to supervisor of a preliminary bibliography and a broad outline of the thesis, including the structure of the chapters and a description of the research you intend to undertake. Supervisors may suggest that you do this in the form of an introductory chapter. Theses range from 3-5 chapters in length typically.
November 202	Submission of first chapter to the supervisor. This is the period during which you must work the most regularly, frequently and systematically with your supervisor since his/her feedback is crucial to the final outcome of the thesis.
December 202	Submission of second chapter to the supervisor.
January 202	Submission of the third chapter to the supervisor.
February 202	Completion and submission of first full draft of thesis.
March 202	Undertake revisions and submit final draft to the supervisor for evaluation.
April 202	Submission of the final copy to the supervisor D Q G + H D G (last day of classes)