

## **Fayetteville State University Honors in Sociology**

### **Sociology Honors Program**

The honors option in Sociology offers outstanding students an opportunity to...

- Move from studying sociology to **doing** sociology,
- Add distinction to their studies in sociology by undertaking advanced work beyond that required of all sociology majors,
- Develop research skills that will be evidenced in an honors thesis,
- Develop research skills that will enhance their application to graduate and professional schools
- Receive special distinction at graduation and to have “Completed Honors in the Major Program” on transcripts and diplomas if they meet all requirements

### **Eligible Applicants to Sociology Honors Program**

Sociology majors may apply to the honors program if they meet the following requirements:

1. Completed one semester at FSU with a minimum of 12 credit hours and hold a 3.3 GPA or above; transfer students must not have more than 60 semester credit hours.
2. To remain eligible and to graduate from Honors in the Sociology major, students must maintain 3.3 GPA or better in the major until graduation.
3. If a participant's GPA in the major falls below 3.3 the student will be placed on probation for one semester. If the student does not bring the GPA back up, the student cannot graduate from the Honors in Sociology.

### **Application Procedure**

1. Complete an application for honors program at Fayetteville State University.
2. Declare major as sociology
3. Complete the sociology honors program application and return it to the undergraduate coordinator in the Department of Sociology. Completed applications must be in the department office no later than week five of the spring semester prior to the start of the honors program in the fall. If a student will be traveling abroad during their junior year, the deadline for the application still applies, so please make arrangements accordingly.
4. Sign an honor program contract with a faculty mentor.

### **Earning Honors in Sociology**

Students in the Honors Track earn between 24 and 30 credits. To graduate with Honors in Sociology a student:

1. Must complete GEOG 220 or SOCI 150 as a learning community
2. Must complete 18 credit hours of Sociology Honors in the Major
3. Complete a major research project - to which the student must devote at least 3 credit-hours in each of two semesters (for 6 credits total) which results in an

- honors thesis/research report that is presented to the Department at the annual Seniors Research Presentation Seminar, or at an undergraduate research conference,
4. Attend the annual meeting of a professional association such as the American Sociological Association, or comparable regional/state Sociology Association.
  5. Participate in all group meetings and activities of Honors students

Graduating with Honors in Sociology requires careful planning with the advice of both the Director of FSU Honors Program and individual Sociology faculty who write the honors contracts. It is best to begin working on the requirements of Sociology honors immediately. A capstone project will often require preliminary/preparatory work in your junior or senior year. It is never too early in your Sociology major to meet with the Department of Sociology and the FSU Honors Program about your interest in the honors

### **Eligibility for the Honors Track in Sociology**

The courses required in the honors option have the following individual requirements:

- Registration for any Honors in Sociology courses approved by the department (chair or department honors coordinator).
- Registration for Sociology Honors Capstone Project requires that students find an individual faculty advisor willing to supervise their project, a formal application, and the approval of the Director of FSU Honors Program.

### **Sociology Course Requirements**

The program requires students to complete SOCI 350, SOCI 331, and SOCI 335 with the Honors Program workload.

In addition to these three courses, students will work with the Honors Program Coordinator to choose an approved elective course consistent with the focus of their research project, such as SOCI 400, SOCI 412, SOCI 430 or any other course not already required. They must take this course with the Honors Program workload.

Students will also register for SOCI 475 and/or SOCI 491.

Students may choose to participate in a Study Abroad experience to earn six credits towards their Honors in Sociology Degree. The six credits will replace courses chosen in coordination with the Honors Program Coordinator.

Students choose a faculty adviser to help supervise their thesis research and writing. The honors program director will also assist students in this area and fellow students in the seminar will offer excellent feedback and suggestions.

Students enrolled in Honors in the Sociology major are required to attend all Honors meetings.