

Sociology Honors Program

Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University West Campus Social Sciences Building, Office 312

Overview

The Sociology Department Honors Program is designed for highly motivated and engaged students interested in working closely with distinguished department faculty to study and address real-world social issues and problems. It is especially beneficial to those students who may wish to attend graduate school. The curriculum is both academically rigorous and engaging. Honors students will complete advanced coursework and participate in one-on-one research with faculty mentors. Optional honors internships are also available. The program will culminate in a Senior capstone project. Students who complete the program will receive Sociology Honors designation on their official transcript.

Curriculum

Students must complete 18 hours of honor credits. 12 of those honors credits must be in Sociology, with 6 additional honors credits inside or outside of Sociology. At least 3 of these honors credits must be in a 400-level or above (graduate) course, but no more than 6 honors credits of graduate courses may be taken for undergraduate credit.

As a component of the 18 honors credits, students must complete either a two-semester 6 credit Sociology Honors Senior Thesis (485 and 491) or an Honors Thesis through the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program under the supervision of a Sociology faculty mentor. A student may not take more than 6 honors credits in 491H or 485H combined.

Eligibility

To be accepted into the Sociology Department Honors Program, current TAMU students or incoming transfer students must have at least a cumulative grade point ratio of 3.5 (on 4.0 scale) in all previous college coursework and submit a completed honors application form (page 2). Entering first year students must be in the top 10% of high school class rank and have a minimum SAT of 1250 (V+M) for old scores (prior to MAR 2016) or a 1310 (V+M) SAT for new scores (MAR 2016 or after) or 28 ACT composite and submit a completed honors application form (page 2).

To remain in the program, students must maintain a cumulative 3.5 or higher TAMU GPR and at least a 3.25 in all TAMU honors courses. If a student falls below the required 3.5 GPR (or 3.25 honors GPR), the student will be placed on honors probation for one semester. If the student does not increase his/her cumulative GPR to 3.5 (or 3.25 honors) at the end of the honors probationary semester, the student will be expelled from the Department of Sociology Honors Program. Any student with an F* (given in cases of academic dishonesty) on their transcript will be immediately dropped from the Sociology Honors Program and will not graduate with honors.

Sociology advisors (sociadvising@tamu.edu, WCSS 312) or Sociology Honors Director, Dr. Richard Abel (rdabel@tamu.edu), will be glad to visit with you or provide you more information about our honors program.

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APPLICATION FOR SOCIOLOGY HONORS PROGRAM

(Please print)

Name _____ UIN _____

Permanent Address _____

Phone _____ Other Phone _____
(Please give phone by which you are most easily reached)

Tamu email address: _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Classification: (Fr) (So) (Jr) (Sr) Projected Graduation Date _____

Please complete the following if applicable:

Texas A&M Cumulative GPA _____ TAMU Honors Course GPA _____

Other College/University Attended _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Other College/University Attended _____ Cumulative GPA _____

If Entering Freshman:

High School Name/Location _____ Class Rank _____ percentile

SAT score _____ Date taken _____ OR ACT score _____ Date taken _____

My signature below indicates the following:

I understand the academic requirements of the Sociology Honors Program as stated in page 1 of this form. I understand my admission into the Sociology Honors Program will be based on the eligibility criteria stated on page 1

of this form, and I give the Directors of the Sociology Honors Program permission to check my academic records to verify my initial and continued eligibility for the Sociology Honors Program.

Signature

Date