

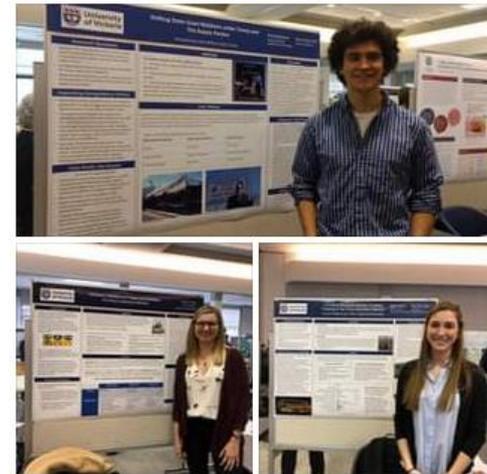
The UVic Sociology Honours Program

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What is the Sociology Honours Program?

- Senior undergraduate capstone experience taken in the final year of study from September to April.
- The honours program is designed to enrich your learning experience in sociology by providing opportunities to conduct research in a specialized area under the supervision of a faculty member.
- The program is recommended for anyone who is planning to pursue a graduate degree or who wants to find answers to sociological problems.



Department of Sociology Announces:
Honours Research Symposium

Wednesday, March 30th, 2022
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Cornett Building, Room B112

Why do the Honours program?

- Many students choose to pursue an honours degree to get a taste for the kind of scholarship that they would encounter in graduate school.
- An honours degree is traditionally considered excellent preparation for graduate school, even though it is not a requirement for many graduate programs.
- It also enhances professional skills and impression you make on prospective employers.



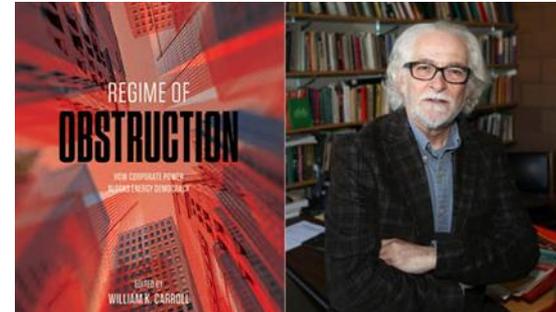
What are the benefits?

- The ability to work one-on-one with a faculty supervisor.
- Regular interaction with a small group of highly motivated and committed students in sociology.
- Acquiring skills that provide a competitive advantage in the context of an increasingly knowledge-based economy.
- Strengthening your application to graduate programs in sociology and other academic programs.
- Receiving a degree that is widely recognized as a sign of academic excellence by employers.



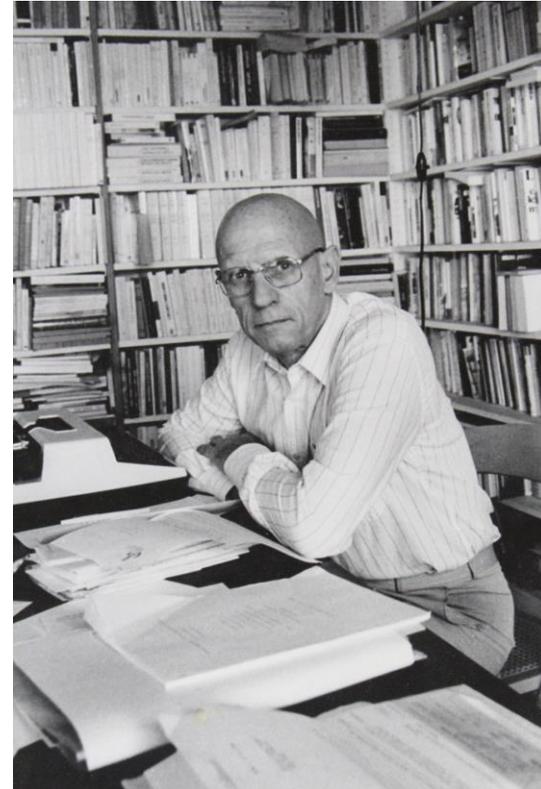
Finding your supervisor

- It is up to you to find a supervisor
- You can start looking for in the Fall or Spring of your third year although students often find a supervisor at the beginning of the honours program
- You may want to consider the following:
 - Check out what type of research faculty conduct:
<https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/sociology/people/faculty/index.php>
 - Reflect on courses taken or taking now. What grabbed you as interesting?
 - Ask current honours students if they would recommend anyone.



Meeting with a prospective honours supervisor

- Your faculty supervisor will guide you and evaluate your work one-on-one for a full year.
- Before you commit to the relationship, meet in person or virtually.
- Come prepared:
 - Visit the faculty member's research website to learn about their work.
 - Be informed and enthusiastic. Prepare a few questions.
 - If you have research ideas, you could offer them.
 - Be aware that faculty members may not be available if they are on a research leave or already supervising a honours student.



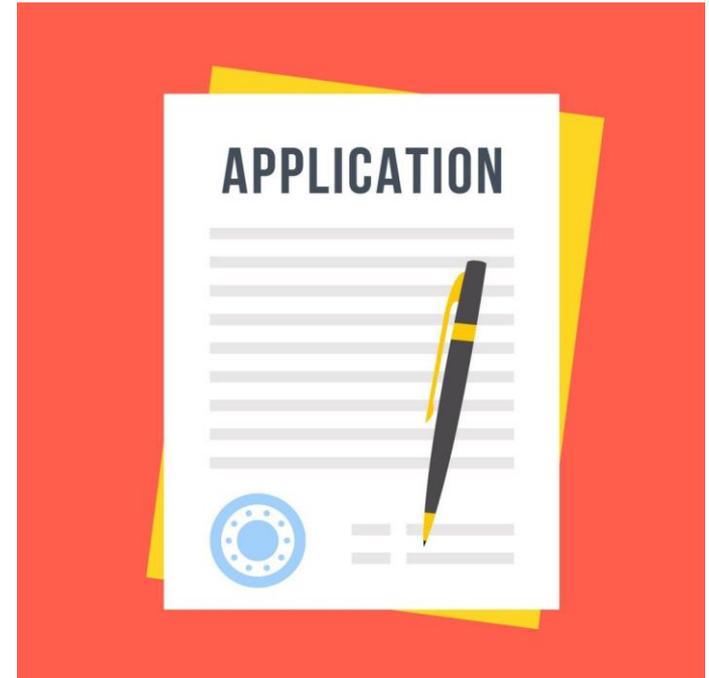
What should I expect from the Honours program?

- Doing the Honours program require an ability to do original and self-directed work, plan long-term deadlines over a full academic year, and manage the challenges involved in doing your own research on a topic that matters to you.
- You will learn insight into the inner workings of research work, gain excellent written and oral presentation skills and practice, and better understand the processes that are involved in completing graduate research.



How do I apply?

- Students apply for entry into the honours program at the end of their third year but can apply any time up until the beginning of their fourth year. Applications should ideally be submitted no later than May of your third year.
- Declaring a major in Sociology is required prior to applying. A minimum GPA of 6.0 in all upper-level courses is also required.
- To apply, you will need to submit an application form (see link below) to the Sociology Honours Program advisor.
 - https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/sociology/assets/docs/honours/honours_appform.pdf



Final note

- The Sociology Honours Program is an exciting capstone opportunity for senior undergraduate students.
- If you are interested in the Honours program, start thinking about submitting your application in your third year.
- The Sociology Honours Program is an excellent way of gaining research experience and facilitating entry to graduate school.
- If you have any questions after reviewing this PowerPoint presentation, please contact Honours Advisor André Smith (apsmith@uvic.ca)
- Thank You!