Nebraska Wesleyan University

SOC 4990 Thesis

Catalog

2025-2026

Course Description

This course is one of two options to fulfill the capstone requirement for all Sociology majors. (Either Thesis or Internship must be taken in combination with the Capstone Seminar to complete the major.) This course requires the completion of an independent sociological research project in a topic area of interest to the student. The completed project should be conference quality scientific article can be presented to the academic community in such formats as the NWU Student Symposium or a discipline related conference. Students are responsible for all phases of the research process, including topic selection, academic literature review, definition of the population; sample selection; methodology, data collection and analysis and preparation of the final report (thesis). The paper and the presentation should give evidence that the student is capable of critical integration, synthesis, and analysis of ideas as well as having gained professional-level written and oral communication skills, thereby showing mastery of the departmental goals and objectives. No Pass/Fail. Cross-listed with CRIM 4990 Thesis.

Prerequisite(s): Approval of the instructor.

(Normally offered each fall semester.)

Course Hours

3 hours

Departments

1. Sociology