Thesis Topic Plan: Department of Sociology

Circle One: Fall Thesis (Due 5/15, Junior Year)       Winter Thesis (Due 12/1, Senior Year)

1. Name: ____________________________________________

2. Pre-requisite information: Please list the junior/senior research seminar(s) (Soc. 395) that you have completed or in which you are currently enrolled (at least one Soc. 395 must be completed before you can begin your senior thesis):

3. General topic: please offer a very brief statement of your proposed topic (you will expand on this in the attachments described under #5 below):

4. Previous coursework/background: please describe briefly any previous coursework you have completed, within sociology and elsewhere in the curriculum, that you feel has provided you with background for addressing this topic.

5. Please attach the following to this form: 1) a brief typed paragraph explaining the topic noted under #3 and offering a preliminary research question for your thesis; 2) a brief typed annotated bibliography, providing citations for and short descriptions of the content/relevance of at least 4 sources related to your proposed topic.

6. Advisor preferences (please list your first and second choice of faculty members in the Department you would particularly like to work with if possible; keep in mind the criteria noted under “Thesis Advisor Assignment” and realize that we may not be able to assign you to one of the advisors you prefer):

→IF FALL: check here if you think you may wish to be considered for the Departmental Honors Program and you meet the criteria noted on p. 3 of this packet (note that it is particularly important for advisor assignments to be distributed equitably across faculty for this program) ________

Please submit one copy of this form and the attachments described under #5 to the Department Chair by the due date shown at the top of this coversheet.