

Thesis Topic Plan: Department of Sociology

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1. Your Name:

2. Topic and preliminary research question: please offer a brief paragraph explaining your proposed topic and offering a preliminary research question for your sociology thesis:

3. Previous coursework/background: briefly note any previous coursework you have completed, within sociology and elsewhere in the curriculum, that you feel provides background for addressing this topic. Also note the 300-level sociology courses you have already taken, if any, even if they are not related to your topic.

4. 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 wish to be considered for the Departmental Honors Program and you meet the criteria noted in the “Honors Thesis” section of the sociology department’s website overview of thesis (<https://www.bates.edu/sociology/thesis/>); we need to know if you even possibly wish to be considered as it is particularly important for advisor assignments to be distributed evenly for this program) _____

5. Brief annotated bibliography: In the remainder of the form, offer a brief annotated bibliography, providing citations for and short descriptions of the content/relevance of at least 4 sources related to your proposed topic.

