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SC 555 Senior Honors Seminar  
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F '09, McGuinn 437  
Thurs 1:30-4 p.m.

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GRADES will be based on the following formula: 60% final proposal;  
30% mid-term; 10% contribution to class discussion.

**REQUIRED BOOKS:**

Nicholas Walliman, YOUR UNDERGRADUATE DISSERTATION  
Peter Berger, INVITATION TO SOCIOLOGY  
Kenneth Hoover, ELEMENTS OF SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC THINKING, 9th Ed.

The goal of this course is to help you to prepare your project proposal in an atmosphere of mutual support and discovery.

**CALENDAR**

Please have readings and assignments due by the dates shown.

<b>date</b>	<b>topic</b>	<b>assignment</b>
9/10	Introduction	
9/17	Sociology as a Form of Inquiry	BERGER, all
9/24	Becoming a Researcher	Prelim. Topic Selection
10/1	Bibliographies-Using O'Neill Uses of Theory	HOOVER, all
10/8	Selecting and Refining Topics What's in an Outline?	WALLIMAN, all Schedule appointments
10/15	Data Collection Note Taking	Preliminary Outlines Due
10/22	From Outline to Proposal	Hand out Mid-Term
10/29	" "	Second draft of outline due
11/5	Discussion of Topics	Mid-Term is Due
11/12	" "	Preliminary Research Exploration Developing a Rationale
11/19	Selection of Advisors Discussion of Drafts	First Draft of Proposal Due, incl. Lit. Review

**VACATION**

12/3	Conclusions, Last Class Meeting	
12/10	NO CLASS MEETING - DRAFT PROPOSALS ARE DUE (my mailbox, 426 McGuinn by 12 noon)	
12/17	FINAL PROPOSALS ARE DUE (my mailbox, 426 McGuinn by 12 noon)	