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JOINT CONCENTRATION IN SOCIOLOGY

A joint concentration is always an honors concentration.

This means that an interdisciplinary thesis is required. If Sociology is the primary field, the student will follow the rules and guidelines for doing a thesis as established by the Department of Sociology. If Sociology is the secondary field, the student will do the thesis according to the guidelines of the primary department. In either case, at least one of the thesis readers or the advisor must be a member of the Sociology faculty.

SOCIOLOGY AS THE PRIMARY FIELD\*

1 from INTRODUCTORY SERIES (Sociology 10-89 )

SOCIOLOGY 97 (Tutorial in Sociological Theory)

SOCIOLOGY 98 (Junior Tutorial)

SOCIOLOGY 128  
(Models of Social Science Research)

SOCIOLOGY 156 (Methodology)

2 HALF-COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY

SOCIOLOGY 99  
(Full Course for Thesis Work)

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TOTAL: 9 HALF-COURSES in Sociology

HONORS: Thesis supervised by Sociology. The best 6 of 9 required, letter-graded, Sociology courses (including Introductory, 97, 98, 128, and 156), are used for Honors Calculations. Honors confirmed by both fields.

SOCIOLOGY AS THE SECONDARY FIELD\*

1 from INTRODUCTORY SERIES (10-89)

SOCIOLOGY 97 (Tutorial in Sociological Theory)

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SOCIOLOGY 128  
(Models of Social Science Research)

SOCIOLOGY 156 (Methodology)

2 HALF-COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY

(Credit and Guidance for Thesis Work will be obtained through the Primary Field.)

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TOTAL: 6 HALF-COURSES in Sociology

HONORS: Thesis supervised by Primary Field of Concentration.  
Honors confirmed by both fields.

Joint concentration requirements vary by department. The Department of Sociology does not require a petition, minimum grade-point average, or other particulars. There is also no screening process. However, a student who wishes to pursue a joint concentration in Sociology must come to the Undergraduate Office with a "Plan of Study" (available to download from the Advising Programs Office web site) for review and signature before being assigned to tutorials or enrolling in any courses limited to Sociology concentrators. Before declaring a joint concentration, the student must check with the other department for their joint concentration requirements, and fulfill any particulars required before allowing the joint concentration.

\*Cross-listed courses in the joint field may not be counted toward Sociology requirements. Consult Head Tutor.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR JOINT CONCENTRATORS

**Individual Supervised Reading and Research** (SOCIOLOGY 91r; half-course, offered each term). An individual reading and research course arranged between the student and a member of the Department. **Only one 91r** may be taken for concentration credit. Letter graded.

**Senior Thesis** (SOCIOLOGY 99, Senior Tutorial; full-year course).

Thesis writing takes the form of enrollment in the Senior Tutorial, a full-year course under the supervision of your thesis advisor, a member of our faculty if Sociology is your primary field. Thesis work commonly begins late in the junior year. Interested students should inquire in the Undergraduate Office. 99s, offered fall term only, to students registered in Sociology 99, is an optional, regularly scheduled weekly group seminar for consultation and discussion about choice of problems, possible data, and procedures.

### **PASS-FAIL.**

Courses with numbers below 100 (e.g., SOCIOLOGY 10-89 if counted as Introductory Credit, 91r, 97 and 98), as well as SOCIOLOGY 128 and SOCIOLOGY 156 must be taken for letter grades, with the exception of the Senior Tutorial (Sociology 99), which is graded SAT/UNS. Of the half-course electives in Sociology, only one may be taken PA/FL.

### **HONORS Requirements and Grades for Sociology as the Primary Field.**

Honors grades are determined on the following basis. An average of the student's best 6 grades out of the 9 Sociology courses (including one from the Introductory series--Sociology 10-89, Sociology 97, Sociology 98, Sociology 128, and Sociology 156, and not including SOCIOLOGY 99 which is graded SAT/UNS, or grades received in the second semester of senior year) makes up 60% of the overall grade. The grade on the thesis (an average of grades given by the thesis advisor, first reader, and second reader) makes up the remaining 40% of the overall grade. Based on these calculations and the subsequent recommendations of the Committee on Undergraduate Degrees, as well as confirmation from your secondary department, the Department faculty recommends students With Honors, High Honors, Highest Honors, or no honors. Of course, graduation with honors from Harvard requires the vote of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (see the Handbook for Students)