

99s: Senior Thesis Writers' Support Seminar - Fall 2008

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99s is a weekly seminar designed to assist students enrolled in Sociology 99 in developing and writing the Senior Thesis. Using student work as a basis for discussion, we will address concrete issues regarding choice of research question, research design and methodology, data analysis, and presentation. The support seminar presents students with the chance to receive personal consultation and feedback on their thesis as it progresses throughout the semester in a relaxed, informal, and cooperative setting.

Although the support seminar is optional for thesis writers and is ungraded, it provides an invaluable opportunity to get support and feedback at each stage of the thesis so that the finished product is as polished as possible. Through the class, you will also have an opportunity to meet other sociology concentrators going through the challenging but rewarding thesis experience.

The support seminar is driven by student needs. Depending on interest we can cover topics ranging from the formal advising system, time-management, and learning to write "sociologically," to hands-on tutorial sessions with data analysis software such as STATA or Atlas-TI.

Additionally, the seminar is collaborative and supportive. As students move through their respective projects, they are in an ideal position to offer helpful feedback, commentary, and suggestions to one another, as well as to point out new resources and opportunities as they arise.

Although we will set a final, weekly time based on student schedules, we will have our first meeting on **Wednesday, September 24 at 5:00pm in 601 William James Hall**. Refreshments will be on hand, so please come and bring any questions you may have about the support seminar or the thesis process in general.

Please feel free to contact me in the interim if you have any questions about the support seminar or would like more information.

Best of luck writing this year, and I hope to see you on the 24th.