

### **Application for Honor Thesis Seminar, Department of Sociology, 2025-2026**

Participation in the honors thesis seminar in sociology is conditional on admission by the thesis instructor, James Chu. For consideration, you must...

- be a rising senior,
- be a sociology major or concentrator,
- have completed Methods of Social Research, and
- meet the GPA requirements (3.8 in major, 3.6 overall).

If you meet these conditions, please respond to the following questions in a short email to [jyc2163@columbia.edu](mailto:jyc2163@columbia.edu). Initial or preliminary reflections are fine:

1. What motivates you to write an honors thesis in sociology?
2. What is your current research question / what is the problem or question that you hope to explain?
3. What sociological research (e.g. authors, concepts) would you like to engage?
4. What kind of data do you see yourself collecting, and how do you think you would analyze this data?
5. What are your other major commitments next year? Please estimate, on average, how many hours/week you anticipate spending on your thesis next academic year.

This application is due by 11:59pm, June 10 via email to Professor Chu at [jyc2163@columbia.edu](mailto:jyc2163@columbia.edu)

If you have any questions, you may reach out to Professor Chu by email.