

Syllabus – Sociology 380 – Fall 2008

9/8 – Getting acquainted. Class norms and normal classes. The honors thesis: An overview. Your projects – a beginning.

9/15 – Choosing a topic: Seek and ye shall find.

9/22 – More seeking; more finding. Statement of the problem. I.

9/29 – Statement of the problem II.

10/6 -- Organizing a search of the literature

10/13 – Continuing the search

10/20 – Theory and the big picture

10/27 – Stating hypotheses

11/3 – Making concepts into variables

11/10 – Data, methods, ethics and organizing the analysis

11/17 – Outline of thesis to date: Inventory of progress on each section.

11/24 – No class. Meet with mentors, work on proposals.

12/1 -- Rough draft of proposal

12/8 – Last class: proposal presentations.

12/10 – Final drafts due.

NO FINAL EXAM