

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HONOURS PROGRAMME**

**(2007/2008)**

**A General**

All honours students are required to take **8** Sociology modules in their Honours year. Students have the option of accessing either 4000 or 5000 level modules. Honours students with a CAP of 4 and above or SJAP score of 4 and above but with a minimum CAP of 3.5 qualify to do an Honours Thesis (SC4401) which constitutes 12 Modular Credits (equivalent to 3 modules). SC4401 is only offered in the second semester and students need to manually register with the department.

**B Independent Study Module (ISM) SC 4660**

The department has since introduced the ISM which is offered only in the second semester of each academic year. The ISM offers an opportunity for students to do something they are personally interested in and is meaningful to them. The ISM paper is not an Honours thesis. It is best conceptualised as an extended term paper. Still, students have to propose their own topics to the supervisors of their choice and engage in some research work. The length of the paper does not exceed 5000 words and the supervisor is solely responsible for assessing the written work. ISM students need to submit their written report directly to their supervisors by **Monday 7 April, 2008**. A copy of the ISM registration form is attached.

Students intending to do ISM need to manually register with the department in the second semester.

**C The Honours Thesis (HT) SC 4401**

1. The HT is a scholarly exercise in which students formulate their own research problems and carry out the research projects themselves. Students have the option of doing one of several: library research, archival work, fieldwork or working with data sets. Students are permitted to write a conceptual paper, do ethnography, generate quantitative data for analysis, or conduct interviews with a sample of respondents/informants with regard to their research problem. Under no circumstances should students employ research assistants for their projects.
2. Please take note that all research projects involving human subjects (e.g. conduct of interviews, participant observation), must be cleared by the Department's Ethics Review Committee, and if necessary, by the NUS Institutional Review Board (IRB) before commencement of any data-collection. Please see attached for more information.
3. Supervisors may require that students have taken, or be taking, a particular module in order to be eligible to elect a certain HT topic.
4. A list comprising staff research interests and areas of expertise is attached for your perusal. Students are strongly encouraged to propose their own topics and prepare a one page proposal for discussion with their potential supervisors.
5. Students are not permitted to work on a joint project or exactly the same topic.
6. Tentative HT titles should be submitted to the department by **Monday 1 October 2007**. [Please use attached form.]
7. Finalised HT title should be submitted to the department by **Monday 31 March, 2008**. [Please use attached form.]

8. Extension of thesis deadline may be granted only under very special circumstances. An appeal for extension (in writing) must be accompanied by the written support of the Supervisor.

C Requirements and Format for the Honours Thesis

1. Requirements

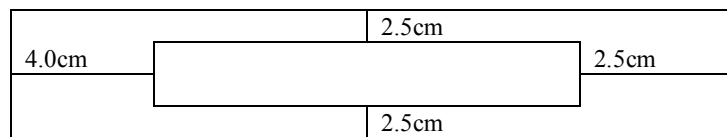
- 1.1 Maximum length: 12,000 words.
- 1.2 3 hard-bound copies using A4 size paper should be submitted to Ms Raja, MSO (Honours Programme). One copy will eventually be given to the supervisor after the evaluation process.
- 1.3 The HT should be submitted no later than **Monday 7 April, 2008, 5:00pm**. After this deadline, HTs may be accepted (**but with penalties**) until **Monday 14 April 2008, 3:00 pm**.
- 1.4 The text should be typed in letter quality using font size 12 and double-spacing. Long quotations should be indented and single-spaced.

1.5 **Penalties**

- 1.5.1 Three marks shall be deducted from the final mark of the HT for every additional 1,000 words (or part thereof) exceeding the word limit. Only the main text (excluding the endnotes, appendices, and bibliography) will be counted as part of the word limit. Students are required to indicate the word count (excluding the endnotes, appendices, and bibliography) at the bottom of the last page of the main text.
- 1.5.2 One mark shall be deducted from the final mark of the HT for each additional day (or part thereof) beyond the deadline.

2. Format

- 2.1 The left margin should be 4.0 cm wide. The top, bottom and right margins should be 2.5 cm wide.
- 2.2 The number of the page should be at the right-hand corner of the top margin, while the number of the first page of each chapter and the preliminaries (preface, acknowledgements, etc) should be in the middle of the bottom margin.



- 2.3 Page numbering should be in Arabic numerals and runs consecutively throughout the HT. For the preliminaries --- preface, acknowledgements, table of contents, etc. --page numbering should be in Roman lower-case numerals beginning with “ii” for the page after the title page, which should not be numbered.
- 2.4 Endnotes should be numbered consecutively throughout all chapters and should appear on separate pages at the end of the entire text.
- 2.5 The bibliography and appendices (in single spacing) should be placed after the endnotes. Please refer to recent issues of the American Sociological Review (ASR) and American Journal of Sociology (AJS) for guidance on the format for referencing and bibliography listing.

- 2.6 Tables, figures and maps should have appropriate titles at the top, be numbered consecutively and appear immediately following the text at the first point of reference. Please refer to recent issues of the American Sociological Review (ASR) and American Journal of Sociology (AJS) for guidance on these issues.
- 2.7 There should be an abstract of no more than 250 words in double spacing which should appear just before the Table of Contents.
- 2.8 The HT must be bound in black or dark blue with gold lettering of font size 15 or 16 points. The front cover should have the following inscriptions:

Title of the HT  
Student's Name

Department of Sociology  
National University of Singapore  
2007/2008

- 2.9 The title or an abbreviation thereof, the student's name, and academic year should appear on the spine of the HT.
- 2.10 The title page following the hard cover should have the following inscriptions:

<p>Title of the <b>HT</b> by Student's Name</p> <p>Supervisor:</p> <p>An Honours Thesis submitted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the Degree of Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) to the Department of Sociology National University of Singapore 2007/2008</p> <p><b>DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE 2007/2008</b></p>
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### **Guidelines on Research Ethics**

1. As a rule there should be no covert research or deception about aims of research.
2. Respondents/informants should know that they are the subjects of research, and participation should be voluntary.
3. Participants must not be hurt, physically or psychologically, by the study.
4. In participant observation studies, observation may be conducted without the observed's knowledge if the activities observed are public for all to see, including the researcher.
5. Once verbal contact with the observed is initiated and personalised knowledge is sought, the observed should be informed of the research project and his/her permission to continue the study sought.
6. The researcher should ensure and preserve confidentiality of information collected if the respondent / informant requires it (this may not be relevant to all studies, e.g. in some oral history studies, people may even wish to be identified.)
7. If you are unsure/unclear about the ethical considerations of your research project, please consult your supervisor, Honours Year Advisor or the Department's Ethics Review Committee.

### **Academic Expectations of a Sociology Honours Student**

1. Develop research skills in sociology.  
  
A sociology graduate should have a working knowledge of various research tools, conceptual, quantitative or qualitative, and has the ability to pick out the most appropriate one for a particular problem.
2. Ability to put sociological imagination to use while engaging in critical interpretation and analysis of social issues.  
  
The sociological imagination is a powerful lens through which one looks to discern deeply embedded social trends and forces, which are not obvious to the layperson.
3. Ability to understand and cure oneself of ethnocentrism, of different kinds of biases and prejudices that divide people--especially those based on race, ethnicity, nationality, class, gender, religion, and age. Capacity to be tolerant, that the other person may be right.
4. Conviction that sociology is relevant and useful--which derives itself from a long-standing belief in sociology as a discipline that contributes to understanding issues in society.
5. Sociological research often happens in a social context of people doing things together--thus the importance of interpersonal skills, empathy, self-discipline, and tolerance.

6. In terms of pedagogy, we move away from exam-based assessment, and toward project-based continuous assessment in contexts that provide students with ample opportunities during the three to four years of their undergraduate studies to:
  - a. learn to do research well;
  - b. develop a fondness for reading the sociological literature;
  - c. learn to articulate one's thoughts informally in a small group, and to make formal presentations in front of a critical audience--always as members of a team;
  - d. learn to write clearly and effectively, while enjoying it;
  - e. develop a certain confidence and pride about one's identity as a student of sociology.

Although the honours thesis requirements have been moderated in view of the revised four-year degree honours structure, students are strongly encouraged to consult honours theses done in previous years to get a sense of what goes into the honours thesis. You may consult previous years' theses which are kept at the department and Theses Collection section of the Central Library.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**  
**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE**  
**HONOURS YEAR 2007-2008 (AUGUST INTAKE)**

Name of Student : \_\_\_\_\_  
(IN BLOCKS)

Matriculation No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel No. : \_\_\_\_\_ Handphone No. : \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Modules Taken (First Semester)

Modules To Be Taken. (Second Semester)

1. SC \_\_\_\_\_

1. \*SC 4401 (HT) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. SC \_\_\_\_\_

2. SC 4660 (ISM) \_\_\_\_\_

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*This form should be submitted to Ms Raja, MSO (Honours Programme), by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2007. It is meant for record purposes only. Students are still required to register online in addition to submitting this form.*

***\* Only Honours students with a CAP of 4 and above or SJAP of 4 (but with min CAP of 3.5) qualify to do an Honours Thesis (SC4401)***

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HONOURS YEAR 2007-2008 (AUGUST INTAKE)**

**TENTATIVE HONOURS THESIS TITLE**

Name of Student : \_\_\_\_\_  
(IN BLOCKS)

Matriculation No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel No. : \_\_\_\_\_ Handphone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tentative Honours Thesis Title \_\_\_\_\_  
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Approved by:  
Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature / Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(IN BLOCKS)

***Note: This form should be submitted to Ms Raja, MSO (Honours Programme), by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2007.***



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**HONOURS YEAR 2007-2008 (AUGUST INTAKE)**

**FINAL HONOURS THESIS TITLE**

Name of Student : \_\_\_\_\_  
(IN BLOCKS)

Matriculation No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel No. : \_\_\_\_\_ Handphone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Honours Thesis Title \_\_\_\_\_  
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Approved by:  
Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature / Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Note: This form should be submitted to Ms Raja, MSO (Honours Programme), by Monday 31 March, 2008.*

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
INDEPENDENT STUDY MODULE (SC 4660) REGISTRATION FORM**

**Academic Year 2007-08  
Semester 2**

1) Name of student : \_\_\_\_\_

2) Matriculation No. : \_\_\_\_\_

3) Name of ISM Supervisor : \_\_\_\_\_

4) Title of ISM : \_\_\_\_\_

5) Aim of proposed ISM (minimum 200 words). :

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6) Mode of assessment: Final essay comprising **100** %

7) Date of Submission of ISM essay (max. 5000 words): **No later than Monday 7 April, 2008.**

8) This form should be submitted to the Department by **Monday, January 14, 2008.**

Signature of student : \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Supervisor : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

*Academic Year 2007/2008 Semester I*

<b>Day</b>	<b>Module</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>
Monday	SC5208 Issues in Singapore Society	AS1 #02-12	1830-2130	A/P Hing Ai Yun
Tuesday	SC5209 Sociology in Everyday Life	AS1 #02-12	1830-2130	Prof. Chua Beng Huat
Wednesday	SC6212 Global Transformation, Risk and Violence Preclusion: SC6211A	AS1 #02-12	1830-2130	A/P Vedi Hadiz
Thursday	SC6102 Sociological Theory and Social Reality	AS1 #02-12	1830-2130	Dr Misha Petrovic
Friday	SC5880 Topics in Social Organization Preclusion: SC5211E	AS1 #02-12	1830-2130	Prof. Gavin Jones

\* This is a required module for all Research Masters and PhD students admitted to 2004/2005

# Please note that the time-table is subject to change.

Please note that for semester I, lessons begin on 13 August 2007.

*Academic Year 2007/2008 Semester II*

<b>Day</b>	<b>Module</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>
Monday	SC6214 Gender, Culture and Society	AS1 #02-12	1830-2130	Dr Eric Thompson
Tuesday	SC5101** Survey Management and Research Methods Preclusion: SC6101	AS1 #02-12	1830-2130	A/P Ho Kong Chong
Wednesday	SC5103 Qualitative Data Analysis	AS1 #02-12	1830-2130	A/P Maribeth Erb
Thursday	SC6770* Graduate Research Seminar	AS1 #02-12	1830-2130	A/P Tong Chee Kiong
Friday	SC6215 Religion in the Contemporary World	AS1 #03-01	1830-2130	Prof. Michael Hill

\* This is a required module for all Research Masters and PhD students admitted from AY 2004/2005.

\*\* This is a required module for M.Soc.Sci(Applied Sociology) students.

#Please note that Time-Table is subject to change.

Please note that for semester 2, lessons begin on 14 January 2008.

TBA-To be arranged

**A/P Syed Farid Alatas**

Philosophy of Social Science, Sociological Theory, Political Economy.

**A/P Chan, Angelique**

Research Methods, Sociology of the Life Course & Aging, Issues in Aging Research.

**Prof Chua Beng Huat**

Social and Political Theory, Sociology of Housing and Urban Planning, State and Society in Southeast Asia, Consumerism in Asia, Cultural Studies.

**Dr Dorairajoo, Saroja**

Gender Roles and Social Change, Food and Identity, Anthropology of Separatism and Violence, Market Economy, Fishing Communities, NGOs and Environmental Politics, Malay-Muslims in Southern Thailand, Islam and Buddhism.

**A/P Erb, Maribeth**

Sociology of Tourism, Kinship and Marriage, Mythology and Ritual, Cultural Ecology and Eco-Tourism, Indonesia.

**Dr Goh Pei Siong, Daniel**

Colonialism, Social movements, Religion, Race and ethnicity, State formation, Political economy.

**A/P Hadiz, Vedi Renandi**

Industrialisation and social change, labour studies, social movements, Indonesian and Southeast Asian politics and society, civil society, democratisation.

**A/P Hing Ai Yun**

Industrial Restructuring and the New Economy, Alternative Work and Organizational Design, Family and the Economy.

**A/P Ho Kong Chong**

Globalization and Inter-City Competition,  
Socio-Political Impacts of the Internet,  
Civic Spaces and Urban Politics,  
Producer Services Growth and Socio-Economic Transformations,  
Economic Restructuring and Development Policies.

**Dr Jarman, Jennifer**

Work & Labor Markets, Sex & Gender, Stratification/Mobility, Occupations/Professions, Industrial Sociology, Economy & Society, Comparative Sociology/Historical Sociology.

**Prof Jones, Gavin Willis**

Determinants of nuptiality and fertility change, population and development issues, particularly related to human resource development, population policy, urbanization and the dynamics of mega-urban region development.

**Dr Leong Wai Teng**

News Media, Human Rights, Sexual Policies.

**A/P Lian Kwen Fee**

Citizenship and Nation-state in Southeast Asia, State-formation and Ethnic Relations in Southeast Asia, Singapore and Malaysian Society.

**Prof Michael Hill**

Sociology of Religion; Deviance; Nation-Building & Citizenship in Singapore

**Dr Misha Petrovic Miodrag**

Sociological Theory; Economic Sociology; Globalization

**Dr Narayanan Ganapathy**

Sociology of Deviance, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Sociology of Policing and Social Control.

**Dr Pereira, Alexius**

Sociology of Economic Development: Foreign direct investment in Asia, Industrial policy in Singapore, Singapore Society, Religiosity in Singapore: Singapore's Multiracialism, Singapore Eurasians.

**Prof Quah, Stella R.**

Medical sociology (sociology of health & illness), Sociology of the Family, Social policy, Sociology of the Professions and Social Stratification.

**Dr Raffin, Anne**

Ethnic relations and urban development in Vietnam and Pondicherry XIX and XX centuries.

**Dr Rupp, Stephanie Karin**

(On No-Pay leave

1 Jul 06-30 Jun 08)

Formation and Transformation of identity, Political ecology, Critique of social categories, Relations between people and animals, Applied anthropology-conservation and development.

**Dr Safman, Rachel**

Social impact of disease, Health and health care in Southeast Asia, Community governance (particularly in Northern Thailand), State-local relations, Qualitative research methodology

**A/P Schimdt, Volker**

Sociological Theory, Sociology and Philosophy of Justice and Morality, Medical Sociology and Ethics.

**A/P Sinha, Vineeta**

(On Sabbatical Leave Aug 07 - June 08)

Political Economy Of Health, Theorizing Healing And "Alternative Medicine", Sociology And Anthropology Of Religion, Critique Of Concepts And Categories In The Social Sciences.

**A/P Straughan, Paulin**

Medical Sociology (with emphasis on preventive health behaviour and mental illness), Gerontology, Work and Family, Organizational Behaviour.

**A/P Tan Ern Ser**

Social Indicators (Political values), Ethnic Relations, National Identity, Industrial Relations, Social Stratification, Elderly

**Dr Thompson, Eric C**

Urbanism, Subjectivity and Sociocultural Structure, Information and Communications Technology, Society and Culture in Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore

**A/P Tong Chee Kiong**

The Chinese in Southeast Asia, Comparative Religious Systems, Civil Religion and Commercial Development, Institutional Foundations of Chinese Business Firms.

**Prof Turner, Bryan Stanley**

Sociology of religion, Medical sociology, Sociology of the body, Political sociology, Human rights, Social and political theory.

**A/P Waterson, Roxana**

(On Sabbatical leave Aug 07 - Dec 07)

Ethnography of the Sa'dan Toraja of Sulawesi, Indonesia, Social memory, Life histories, Ethnography of childhood