



B.A. Sociology Internship Capstone Project

Starting in 2022-23, the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago offers B.A. senior students the opportunity to opt for a year-long capstone internship program. Students may apply to advertised internships or build their own with organizations, institutions or industry professionals in an “apprenticeship” model. The goal of the internship program is to enable students to apply sociological methods of inquiry and practice in fields of their choice, while also allowing them to learn about careers in other fields. A non-exhaustive sample of potential fields includes: research, art institutions, museums, non-profits, policy, politics, public health, law, education, and journalism.

In order to choose this option, B.A. seniors must satisfy the following requirements within this timeline to graduate as a sociology major.

1. Register for the B.A. Internship Seminar, which will meet every two weeks with a preceptor responsible specifically for students selecting the internship option.
2. Secure an internship by the third week of Autumn Quarter (early October) having previously consulted with the B.A. Sociology Preceptor *and* the Director of Undergraduate Studies. Students must secure an individual mentor (Internship Advisor) at the organization of choice, who will sign <insert confirmation letter template> this letter along with the student, the Director of Undergraduate Studies, and the Sociology Preceptor.
3. Students will have to secure a Sociology Faculty Advisor by late October at the latest. Students are expected to meet with faculty at least twice during the course of the academic year to discuss progress and sociological applications within the internship.
4. The internship must last approximately 6 months (mid-late October to late April), and by late October, students will write a memo detailing their role in the organization, a clear timeline of responsibilities and outputs for the organization and a schedule for bi-weekly meetings in consultation with the Preceptor.
5. The B.A. Internship Seminar will take the place of the B.A. Thesis Seminar for students choosing this option, and will be used to discuss aspects of the internship; assignments (a total of ten 2-3 page reflections over the course of the

year); and the literature review component of the final report. At the end of Autumn and Winter Quarters, students will write longer 5-7 page reports reflecting on the work, sociological themes, and connections between the two.

6. Students in the B.A. Internship Seminar must expect to prepare quarterly final presentations detailing internship progress and connections to sociological themes.
7. The final report should be 20-30 pages and consist of a 5-6 page literature review that identifies relevant debates in the related sociological subfield; and a section that reviews the work done during the internship and the sociological takeaways from this experience.
8. In order to graduate, students must get the <internship completion form> signed by the Internship Advisor, Preceptor, Faculty Advisor, and the Director of Undergraduate Studies when the final report has been submitted.

Honors

To attain honors in the major students will need to meet all four conditions: (1) a GPA of 3.25 in the college, (2) a GPA of 3.5 in the major, (3) completing a BA Internship Capstone Project, and (4) their advisor's determination that their project merits Honors.