For students planning to take Soci 498 (Senior Seminar) in Fall 2019: see below for topics, methods, and other information regarding the two senior seminar sections to be offered.

**Soci 498.1: Senior Seminar**  
**Topic:** US Housing Policy  
**Method:** In-depth Interviews, Content Analysis  
**Instructor:** Dr. Roxanne Ezzet  
**Time:** Friday, 9:00 am - 12:40 pm

For this section of senior seminar, the emphasis will be on urban sociology as it relates to housing and social services. Your project will focus on the use of interviews to understand the role of housing (e.g., housing policies, affordable housing, homelessness) and the link to social services in urban areas.

Specifically, this course will focus on the role of housing in shaping the quality of life in various parts of society. We will examine housing issues in urban areas while also focusing on the broader history and social impact of housing and affordable housing policies. This course will examine past and current housing policies and their influence on American society. We will also spend a significant amount of time discussing proposed policy issues to persistent affordable housing issues as well as strategies that community-based organizations and social movements are using to bring about change. We will use interviews with members from the public sector, private sector, non-profit groups and the community to understand housing problems and address policy solutions. Students will conduct in depth interviews and use content analysis to examine the interview data.

**Soci 498.2: Senior Seminar**  
**Topic:** Sports in Society  
**Method:** Statistics; Secondary Analysis of Quantitative Data  
**Instructor:** Dr. Heather Flynn  
**Time:** Tues/Thurs, 1:00-2:50 pm

The theme of the course is Sports in Society; research projects will be based upon this subject. Weekly topics as they relate to sports include sport research and theory, socialization, children/youth sports, deviance, violence, gender, race, social class, the economy, media, politics, and high school & college sports. This course will introduce students to statistics using secondary analysis of quantitative data. Secondary analysis is (1) the use of data collected by someone other than the researcher and (2) is one of the primary analytical methods used in quantitative Sociology. In this course, students will not collect their own data, but will analyze quantitative data collected from a nationally representative sample and write an original research paper.

The course will explore the following topics: research design; operationalization and measurement; establishing causality; statistical inference; and basic and
intermediate statistics, including probability, cross-tabulations, z-scores, t-tests, correlation, chi-square, and multiple regression. A major component of the course will be using SPSS, a statistics software program, to analyze the data. This course is highly recommended for students planning to attend graduate school in Sociology and for students interested in research careers.