Departmental honors students select their own Honors Thesis Advisor, who will guide the student in the research and writing process and assign the final grade. Faculty in the Department of Sociology have a wide range of areas of specialization and theoretical and methodological approaches. Faculty areas of expertise are listed below. Second readers should be chosen in consultation with the Honors Thesis Advisor.

Felicia Arriaga – race and ethnicity, critical criminology, crimmigration, political behavior, Latino Studies

Jonah Birch – labor and social movements, economic sociology, inequality, comparative historical analysis, political sociology, welfare states

Joe Jakubek – public policy, religion, race, identity, social inequalities, community development, rural sociology

Ellen Lamont – gender, sexual and intimate relationships, families, sexualities, in-depth interviewing

Cameron Lippard – immigration, war, race and racism, cultural sociology, and qualitative methods/analysis

Martha McCaughey – gender, sexuality, rape prevention and education, co-parenting, technology and privacy, science popularization, popular culture

Ken Muir – media, sport, popular culture

Brad Nash – theory, work and labor, political sociology

Pavel Osinsky – theory, global sociology, political sociology, war, comparative historical analysis

Amy Dellinger Page – gender, sexual violence, attitudes toward women and rape, sexual offenders and sex offender policies, bystander intervention and prevention approaches

David Russell – medical sociology, aging, mental health, quantitative analysis

Anastacia Schulhoff – gerontology and aging, health inequalities, race and ethnicity, culture and identity, disparities, ethnography, photovoice, qualitative methods

Kelly Thames – criminology, criminological theory, theory construction, quantitative analysis, big-data analysis