

So What Can I Expect from my Thesis Advisor?

Congratulations! You've been accepted into the honours programme in Sociology/Anthropology.

Now what?

As you know, one of the key steps in getting into the honours programme is identifying a faculty member in SOAN whose area of expertise lines up with your own research interests and getting them to agree to serve as your thesis advisor. Ideally, a thesis advisor is a mentor and supervisor, not a manager. The honours thesis is ultimately your project and you are the one responsible for it but your advisor is there to guide you through the process and to help you craft the best thesis possible.

Your advisor will:

- Explain the process and expectations of the thesis process to you and help you address any questions or concerns you might have along the way
- Help you identify at least one other faculty member to serve on your thesis committee
- Work with you to define and refine your thesis topic
- Meet with you regularly to discuss your thesis project
- Identify key dates, deadlines, and requirements for your thesis and help keep you on track to meet them
- Read and provide timely feedback on all your thesis work including the thesis proposal, ethics application (if necessary), and thesis drafts
- Evaluate your thesis in consultation with the rest of your thesis committee

As an honours student, the responsibility for and achievements of your thesis project are ultimately yours. Your advisor is a practical resource, an intellectual guide, and a source of support and constructive feedback. Doing an honours thesis is an exciting opportunity to craft a research project that speaks to you and your passion – your advisor is there to help you shape it into its most compelling, rigorous, and polished form and to assist you in effectively navigating this exciting challenge.