

**Department of Society & Environment
Update
October 14, 2009
MIDTERM EDITION**

It's a short week, so the Friday Update is coming out on Wednesday...

ADVISING NOTES

New Majors – make an appointment with your advisor before you plan your spring schedule. **Don't know who your advisor is?** Contact the department office: 785-4667 or societyandenvironment@truman.edu

Seniors start registration **Monday, October 26** –see when **you** register [here!](#) We will make an announcement when RAC codes are available for pick up from your advisors.

A list of Society & Environment courses for Spring are found [here!](#)

Faculty office hours and emails can be found [here!](#)

You can find the new major program description in the online catalog through these links for the [B.A. SOAN major](#) and for [B.S. SOAN major](#) . Course descriptions are available at <http://catalog.truman.edu/content.php?catoid=4&navoid=187>

Freshmen should plan to take Proseminar + at least 1 200 level SOAN course in the spring.

Most Sophomores (& Juniors this year only) should plan to take the pair of one Theory course + Research Design

- **CHOOSE:** for Sociology Track - SOAN 360: Sociological Theory **OR** for Anthropology Track SOAN361:Anthropological Theory
 - Each of these courses has two 200-level SOAN courses as a prerequisite. Talk to your advisor or to Dr. Johnson if you have any questions.
- **ALSO TAKE: SOAN380: Research Design**
 - This class has a co-requisite of either SOAN360 OR SOAN361, however this can not be adequately checked through Banner. We will not be checking, but relying on the students to register properly before classes begin. At the start of classes, if you do not have the pre-requisites, you will be dropped. Please help us make this easy for all. Instead of making everyone get an override, we trust you to enroll in both courses. Faculty teaching these courses will cross-check enrollment before the semester begins.

Seniors should know exactly what they need to finish now that they've completed their "Intent to Graduate" forms.

- Let your advisor know if you need substitutions because a course you need for the old program is no longer offered (at least not same name/ number)
- Let faculty teaching the course know if you need an override for a course (like Research Design) that now has co-requisites that you've already taken.

MEETING RE: DEPARTMENT FRATERNITY

Dr. McDuff and Dr. Johnson met on Sunday afternoon with a small but dedicated group of students to discuss options for a department fraternity. It was decided that the goal was to develop departmental honors societies linked to the national honor societies for Anthropology (Lambda Alpha) and Sociology (Alpha Kappa Delta). Nick Riggins is going to seek a couple other anthropology students to help get an application for a chapter of Lambda Alpha organized. Jessica Bernstetter & Adam Speak are going to seek some help from other sociology students to get an application for a chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta organized. These chapters can choose to work together to coordinate service to the department (volunteers for visit events, stories for the newsletter, etc.). If you're interested in this effort, contact Adam, Nick or Jessica – or get in touch with one of the faculty.

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS:

Last Spring the Department proposed criteria for recognizing graduates with Departmental Honors. These criteria have been approved by the Provost's Office and are in effect beginning with December 2009 graduation.

Criteria for Departmental Honors in Sociology/Anthropology:

Meet all of the following criteria:

1. Strong Academic Record Overall: Truman GPA \geq 3.5
2. Excellence in Major Area:
 - a. Major GPA \geq 3.75 OR
 - b. Senior Test Score at or above 90th percentile nationally
3. Leadership and pursuit of knowledge out of the classroom demonstrated by evidence in at least two of the following three categories:
 - a. Present research at an organized conference, such as Truman's Student Research Conference, the Women's Studies Conference, or Environmental Studies Conference, or at regional or national conference for sociology or anthropology.
 - b. Achieve a significant off-campus learning experience, such as study abroad, national service or university-sanctioned internship.
 - c. Demonstrate leadership or excellence in a university activity, such as forensics or athletics, or in a university or community organization or activity, or through service learning beyond course requirements (such as an experience organized through a student organization and approved for the Co-curricular record).
4. Approval by the Sociology/Anthropology faculty.

December 2009/ May 2010 Graduates – you must apply for Departmental Honors by submitting information about how you meet the designated criteria. Look for more information on the format for this application after the break.

NOTE: Departmental Honors can be awarded to as many students as are qualified. This is a new way of honoring our graduates. There will continue to be an Outstanding Student Award as well.

\$\$ - SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE - \$\$

The application website for the spring, 2010 Foundation scholarships is live. Qualified, deserving students are encouraged to apply. **Applications are due by midnight on Sunday, November 1.** To learn more and to see a list of scholarships available in your area, go to www.truman.edu, Student Life/Money/Foundation Scholarships or click here: <https://secure.truman.edu/isupport-s/>

The site has been live since October 1 and there are a number of scholarships with no applicants at this point. If you have any questions or suggestions about how to improve the Foundation scholarship application process, please e-mail or call Becky Pile at x4688.

MIDTERM BREAK – Thursday, October 15 & Friday, October 16
If you're leaving town for break – DRIVE SAFELY!

AFTER BREAK:

CAREER EXPO
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
11:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Student Union Building

For a master list of employers registered to attend Career Expo, click here:
<http://career.truman.edu/CareerExpo/MasterList.asp>

There is something for everyone at Career Expo!

Please note the employers attending Career Expo are interested in all majors including but not limited to criminal justice, nursing, health and exercise science, accounting, business, languages, math, biology, chemistry, agricultural science, psychology, philosophy and religion, economics, history, communication, art and more. Career Expo is a professional experience appropriate whether you are looking for internship or job opportunities.

Finally, please know that Career Expo is but one resource the Career Center offers to help students look for internships and/or employment. If you are interested in the types of employers who typically don't attend career fairs, such as museums, non-profits, and employers outside of the Midwest, the Career Center offers a number of other valuable

resources to assist you. We encourage students with these interests to seek assistance through the Career Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

OCTOBER 27th Roundtable on Race 5:30 pm at the University Gallery (OP 1114) is co-sponsored by the Art Department and the Department of Society & Environment

- Come early to view the Gallery Exhibit on “Race in America”
- Our own Dr. Bonnie & Dr. Flowerday will participate in the discussion with Aaron Fine (Art)
- Refreshments will be served

OCTOBER 29-31st Women’s and Gender Studies Conference
See program attached.

HAVE A GREAT MIDTERM BREAK!