Sociology Research Track

Students may elect to participate in the Sociology Research Track, which provides concentrated training focused on professional sociological research. To enroll in the Research Track, students can meet with the department’s Undergraduate Advising Head at any point, though it is strongly encouraged that interested students declare prior to their final year at Brandeis. Students in the Research Track must complete the following requirements:

1) Earn a grade of B- or better in a Sociology research methods course (either SOC 118a, 136b, 181a, 182a, 182aj, or 183a). Students should complete this methods requirement by the end of their junior year, or successfully petition to fulfill the requirement during their seventh semester.

2) Successfully complete either a Senior Honors Thesis (SOC 99a and b) or a Senior Research Paper (SOC 98a or 98b).

3) Earn a grade of B-or better in the Sociology Capstone Seminar. Research Track participants will receive major credit for the capstone course, as well as for SOC 98a or b or SOC 99b.

Additionally, Research Track participants will have opportunities to attend specialized meetings with visiting colloquium speakers and to give a guest lecture of presentation in an undergraduate Sociology course, and the Approaches to Sociological Research graduate proseminar, and/or the New England Undergraduate Sociology Research Conference.