SOC 591. Orientation to Graduate School in Sociology
Fall 2015
6 to 7 pm Tuesdays
August 25 through October 13
Location: 113 East Hall

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COURSE RATIONALE: This course provides an introduction to the Graduate Program in Sociology at Iowa State University. It is primarily informational and serves as an opportunity for students to learn about the program and ask questions. The course also addresses broader issues related to graduate education.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: After completing this course, students will have:

1. Learned the structure, policies, and procedures of the Sociology Graduate Program
2. Learned how to find resources for graduate students at ISU
3. Begun planning their program of study (POS)
4. Met current sociology graduate students and learned about student organizations
5. Met sociology faculty in different research areas
6. Taken an on-line training in working with human subjects
7. Taken an on-line training in discrimination and harassment
8. Read articles related to the rewards and challenges of graduate school and how to succeed
9. Learned about the different professional associations of sociologists
10. Learned about research ethics

Course Schedule

August 25: Introduction to the course

September 1: Discuss articles, graduate student resources, POS forms, and review process

September 8: Visit from department chair (Dr. Britt); visit from AKD and SOS representatives

September 15: Visit from faculty (Drs. Behnken and Burgeson)

September 22: Visit from faculty (Drs. Oberhauser and Arbuckle)

September 29: Visit from Laurie Linhart (DMACC)

October 6: Visit from IRB (Kerry Agnich); Discussion of research ethics

October 13: Wrap-up and schedule one-to-one meetings