

Master's Program in Applied Sociology
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Health Administration and Policy

Capstone Declaration Form

As part of the capstone project, all graduate students must select a full-time faculty member as their Master's Paper First Reader or Master's Thesis Committee Chair and choose a tentative area of research. The capstone project should be completed during the last semesters (depending on the capstone option) of the student's graduate career. Please refer to the "Capstone Requirement Document" in order to plan the time line of your capstone completion process (including Master's Paper First Reader/Master's Thesis Committee Chair and topic selection and registering for the appropriate credits).

It is the student's responsibility to select potential topics of interest for the Master's Paper or Master's Thesis. Students should then meet with faculty members who are interested in those topics. The First Reader or Master's Thesis Committee Chair need not be the student's initial academic advisor. The student and First Reader or Master's Thesis Committee Chair will jointly develop the specific topic and time line for completion of the Master's Paper or Master's Thesis. The topic of the Capstone may be changed without submitting a new form. Students may change First Readers or Master's Thesis Committee Chairs by submitting a new Capstone Declaration form that identifies the new First Reader or Committee Chair.

This Capstone Declaration form must be completed and submitted to the Graduate Program Coordinator (GPC). The GPC will process the form, assign the First Reader or Committee Chair as the student's academic advisor, and issue permission to enroll in the respective capstone credits (SOCY 711 for Master's Paper Research or SOCY 799 for Master's Thesis Research).

Please refer to the "Capstone Requirement Document" for more information about the capstone options, guidelines, tasks, timelines, and FAQs.

DATE _____

TYPE OF PAPER

___ Master's Paper

___ Master's Thesis

STUDENT NAME _____ **SIGNATURE** _____

FIRST READER (MASTER'S PAPER) OR COMMITTEE CHAIR (MASTER'S THESIS)

FACULTY NAME _____ **SIGNATURE** _____

TENTATIVE TOPIC OF MASTER'S PAPER OR MASTER'S THESIS RESEARCH

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