

## Q & A

### About Paper Submissions

**Q: If I submit my paper during summer/winter break, when will I know if my paper is accepted?**

A: The editorial board will start to review submitted papers in the semester that follows the break. The journal editors will contact you during the semester regarding the review results and possible revision and copyediting. After copyediting, your final paper will be published online in the most recent issue/volume in the same semester or the following semester.

**Q: Can I submit a paper I wrote last year?**

A: Of course! You can submit any paper that you wrote in any sociology class at any time.

**Q: I am going to graduate this summer or I already graduated. Can I still submit my papers to the journal?**

A: Yes, you can if the papers were written while enrolled as a Cal State LA student. There is no limit on the time of graduation. In this case, make sure to leave contact information other than your Cal State LA email address. This will allow us to reach you if you are graduated.

**Q: Can NON-SOCIOLOGY students submit to the journal?**

A: Yes, but only if the paper was written in a sociology course or under the supervision of a sociology faculty member. [Note: Sociology majors have no such restrictions. They can submit their papers even if they were written while taking other, non-sociology, courses.]

**Q: Can sociology students from institutions other than Cal State LA submit to the journal?**

A: No, the journal is only for Cal State LA students for the time being.

**Q: Can I submit a co-authored paper?**

A: Students can submit co-authored papers when they are the lead author.

**Q: Do I have to be on the journal's editorial board to submit a paper?**

A: No, you don't have to.

### About Editorial Board Application:

**Q: Is the student editor a paid position?**

A: No, it is not. Students are not paid for their work as student editors. Instead, student editors will enroll in a faculty-directed research course, and they will earn credits towards their graduation.

**Q: In exactly what course will I have to enroll?**

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A: In the future, we will create a new regular, 3-unit course in which student editors will conduct their editorial duties. In the meantime, all student editors will have to enroll in one of the following faculty-directed research courses:

- Undergraduate students: SOC 4990
- Graduate students: SOC 5980

### **Q: How many units must I enroll in one of these courses?**

A: Ideally, student editors are expected to serve in that capacity for one academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). During the period, students can choose to enroll in 3 – 6 units. For example, a student can enroll in SOC4990 for 3 units in Fall 2022 and 3 units in Spring 2023, using all 6 units towards graduation. Or, a student can choose to spread 3 units between the two semesters (such as 2 units in Fall 2022 and 1 unit in Fall 2023). You can discuss the details with the faculty mentors once you are selected as a student editor.

### **Q: I am interested, but I wonder how much time commitment I will have to make?**

A: Students are normally expected to devote about 5-6 hours a week for one 3-unit course (3 hours of lecture attendance and 3 hours of preparation and other assignments). Student editors will be expected to make a similar level of time commitment to the journal activities. Realistically, students are expected to commit 3 hours per week, on average.

### **Q: I am interested in the editorial board, but a bit concerned that I will be too busy during the final exam period.**

A: The student editorial board will have some flexibility. Specifically, we will try to complete much of the work outside of midterm or final exam periods so that the journal activities can be least disruptive of your other school or work schedule.

### **Q: Can NON-SOCIOLOGY students apply to be student editors?**

A: No. Student editors will have to evaluate the sociological theoretical contributions and methodological soundness of submitted papers to determine if they are publishable. Hence, we require student editors to be formally educated and trained in the discipline.

### **Q: Can sociology students from universities other than Cal State LA apply for the student editor position?**

A: No. The journal is run by Cal State LA sociology students only.