

DRAFT questions for advisors to guide students in capstone choices in 2026 major:

Questions to ask advisees to help them assess which capstone pathway to take:

- How has the methods sequence been going for you so far?
- It is important to assess how your capstone choice might help in your future planning/goals. Where do you see the Research Capstone OR the Elective & H&S Capstone fitting in with your goals after graduation?

- If the student expresses interest in taking Research Capstone:
 - Tell me about your interest in taking Research Capstone.
 - The advisor might clarify that this course teaches research skills and communication for academic and professional contexts.
 - Advisor might emphasize that this course is fast-paced, time-intensive, and involves a significant project.
 - How are you feeling about the expectations of a course like this?
 - How do you imagine overcoming some of the recent challenges you have experienced in other classes? [context specific]

- If the student expresses interest in the Elective + H&S Capstone pathway,
 - Tell me about your interest in taking this pathway.
 - The advisor might emphasize that this pathway can be useful for developing skills for communication and sociological practice in a wide range of contexts.
 - The advisor might emphasize the flexibility that this pathway can offer since the H&S capstone and elective can be taken any semester.
 - Is there a specific elective you hope to take?
 - How might taking this elective (or another course in sociology) help you develop skills or move toward your goals after graduation?

- Given what we discussed, which capstone pathway do you think makes the most sense for you?