

WELCOME LETTER

Dear Student,

Welcome to my online Sociology 4, Sociological Analysis class.

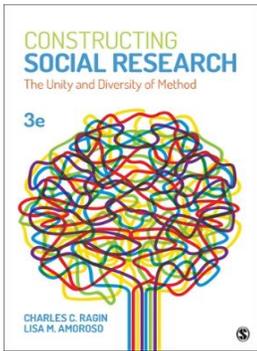
The class is completely online, and I am writing to provide you with important information before we begin the class.

The class is entirely online. It begins Monday, August 30th. The class will appear in Canvas on that Monday. Be sure to have ordered the textbook and log in by Sunday, September 5th. Your first assignment will be due that day –no later than 11:59pm. The class ends on Sunday December 19, 2021 at 11:57pm. Log in information is below and the link to our class may be access through:

www.LAVC.edu/canvas

Helpful information, particularly technical questions, may be found here www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley

Class Overview



Required Text: Ragin, Charles C. and Lisa M. Amoroso. Constructing Social Research, 3rd edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge. ISBN: 1483379302.

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Additional readings are available (at no cost) on Virtual Valley. **Be prepared to read more than just the textbook.**

You will need a computer (not mobile phone) to complete many assignments.

Student Learning Objective: Apply research methodology to interpret various social phenomenon, behaviors, or attitudes.

Prerequisite: Sociology 001

This class requires you to read – if you cannot take on this commitment, please reconsider this class.

Recommended: English 28, English as a Second Language 8, English as a Second Language 363, or placement into English 101. **This is important.** I encourage all students to better their reading and writing skills. There is an expectation that you read and write at a college level to be successful in this class.

Getting Started

You will need to log on to our course. Once you log onto the class, read the syllabus, locate, and open MODULES – this will help you navigate the class week by week and link you to required work in the Discussions, Modules and Quizzes in Canvas. For those new to online classes and Canvas or for technical questions, tutorials, or other questions related to online education see Valley Virtual: www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley.

Student Resources

To access our class website: www.lavc.edu/canvas

Once on the website, login to Canvas: Student username is your Student ID number or your @student.laccd.edu email address. Example student ID's: 881234567 or 991234567 or smithj1234@student.laccd.edu

Success: In order to succeed, you must have regular access to the Internet. You must logon to our class site to retrieve and submit assignments and to participate in regular and substantive class discussions weekly. If you will not be able to participate in this manner, this is not the course for you. While mobile phones often have apps to help navigate Canvas, I suggest having computer access as technical issues often occur with mobile phones. Please note I cannot access "cloud" submissions – you will need to convert all assignments into a .doc/.docx or .pdf file to submit them for a grade.

We will all progress through the course together, at the same pace. This is not a class in which you can complete all the work for the semester in the first week or make it all up in the last week. The success of this class depends on the willingness of everyone to participate in regular and substantive discussions regularly, and to share ideas in writing. All our discussions will be asynchronous (not at the same time), not synchronous (e.g., live chat, instant messaging). This will allow you to participate at times suitable for your schedule. Exams will be conducted online and are discussed in the syllabus.

Technical requirements: See Valley Virtual above.

If you have any questions always feel free to send me an email at the address below. I look forward to working with you over the semester.

Sincerely,

Dr. Southgate

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