

Dear Student,

Welcome to my late start online Sociology 2, American Social Problems class (ticket number 23469). You have registered for the online section and I am writing to provide you with important information before we begin the class.

The class is entirely online. It begins April 13<sup>th</sup> at 8AM. **Please have the textbook** and log in by Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Your first assignment will be due Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> no later than 11:59PM. The class ends on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Log in information is below and the link to our class may be access through:

[www.LAVC.edu/canvas](http://www.LAVC.edu/canvas)

Helpful information, particularly technical questions, may be found here [www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley](http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley)

## Class Overview

### SOC2, American Social Problems

Transfer (IGETC: 4J; CSU GE:D0, D3).

IGETC is the pathway used to transfer to a UC campus, CSU is the pathway to a CSU campus.

**Required Text:** Keister, Lisa A. and Darby E. Southgate. 2012. Inequality: A Contemporary Approach to Race, Class and Gender, 1st edition. Cambridge University Press, New York. ISBN-10: 0521680026; ISBN-13:978-0521680028

This book is available online at generic book sellers (i.e., Chegg, Barnes and Noble, etc.), at the LAVC bookstore and there are a few copies to read at the LAVC library reserve book room. **You must use the book in this online class – failing to do so will have a negative impact on your success.**

As this is a typical lecture class that is shortened to 8 weeks, expect to participate for 6 hours a week.

Sociological concepts and theories are used to describe and explain a range of social problems that exist in the United States, such as issues of prejudice, discrimination, suicide, drugs, crime, wealth and poverty, political radicalism and weapons of mass destruction. We will also analyze the effectiveness of attempted and potential solutions to these social problems.

Prerequisite: None.

**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 which opens April 13<sup>th</sup> no later than Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. If you do not log on and participate by 11:59 pm, PST, Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, you may be dropped from the course as a “no show”.

Once you log onto the class, read the syllabus, locate and open PAGES – 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](http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley).

## Student Resources

To access our class website: [www.lavc.edu/canvas](http://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 every week. If you will not be able to participate in this manner, this is not the course for you. Moreover you must read the textbook and apply the material to assignments and discussions.

Please note that 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 discussions regularly, and to share ideas in writing. All of 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 (with deadlines). Exams will be conducted online and are discussed in the syllabus.

Technical requirements: See Valley Virtual above.

Last date to drop this class without a "W": 04/22/2020

Last date to drop with a "W": 05/25/2020

If you have any questions always feel free to send me an email at the address below. I work Monday-Friday and generally reply to messages within 24-48 hours. I look forward to working with you over the term.

Sincerely,

Dr. Southgate

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