

Dear Student,

Welcome to my online Sociology 4, Sociological Analysis class (ticket number 28170). You have registered for the online section, below I provide you with important information before we begin the class.

The class is entirely online. It begins February 10th. Be sure to have the textbook and log in by Friday, February 14th. Assignments will be due Fridays, no later than 5PM. The class ends on Friday June 5th, 2020. 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

SOC004, SOCIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

(Transfer category this class satisfies: CSU GE: D0; some UCs will accept this class as your methods requirement; please keep this syllabus and course work as they often ask for evidence of learned content).

Required Text: Ragin, Charles C. and Lisa M. Amoroso. Constructing Social Research, 2nd edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge. ISBN: 978-1-4129-6018-2. Additional readings are available (at no cost) on Virtual Valley.

Prerequisite: Sociology 001.

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.

As this is a typical lecture class, expect to participate for 3 hours a week. As an analysis class, I anticipate you will need to devote at least 9 hours a week to reading, participating in discussions and doing the course assignments. Statistics and Methods (Analysis) are the two most rigorous courses for a Social Scientist undergraduate student – please carve out appropriate weekly time to ensure your success in the class.

This course considers the logic of the scientific analysis of society and social institutions. We will analyze the various methodological tools utilized in social science research and clarify basic social science issues. Topics include research design, conceptualization, measurement, sampling methodology, and both qualitative and quantitative data analysis. Students will analyze specific data collected in the field.

Getting Started

You will need to log on to our course which opens February 10th - no later than February 14th. If you do not log on and participate by 5:00 pm, PST, February 14th, 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.

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 log on to our class site to retrieve and submit assignments and to participate in regular and substantive class discussions. 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.

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 substantive 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 Friday deadlines). 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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