

# WELCOME LETTER

Dear Student,

Welcome to my online Sociology 4, Sociological Analysis class. We are fully online, and I am writing to provide you with important information before we begin the class.

The class is entirely online. While this class is scheduled for Wednesdays, I have adjusted our weekly work to begin on Mondays; Discussions will be due Fridays (instead of Wednesdays), and all Assessments will be due on Sundays. The class will open Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to have the textbook and log in by Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The class ends on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 5:59pm.

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

### SOCIOLOGY 4: 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge. ISBN: 1483379302. Additional readings are available (no cost) on Virtual Valley.

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

#### Course Information

**Course Name and Number:** Sociology 4 Sociological Analysis

Prerequisite: Sociology 001

Course Objectives: A. Discuss and assess the strengths and challenges of different research methodologies; B. Employ research methodologies to answer questions about social phenomena; C. Appraise the appropriate use of research tools, including analysis, in effectively understanding social phenomena.

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## Getting Started

You will need to log on to our course in the first week of class, if you do not log on and participate by 11:59 pm, PST, Friday, February 12<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 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](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 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 (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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