

Good Morning Students and Welcome to Intro to Sociology Winter Intercession!

This is an intensive 4 week course. This course is entirely online and we do not meet for any specified lecture

times. However, you may always reach out to me directly to set up a time to meet if you need. My direct email is Kimberly.Velsor1@marist.edu. You may call me at 845-605-2991 for urgent matters. I do not answer calls past 7pm.

The Syllabus is located under the Content tab in BrightSpace. Please read carefully. Here you will find the reading and assignment schedule, how to format your assignments, your text information, and what the course goals are. Our text for this course is Sociology: The Essentials by Andersen & Taylor. This can be found at the bookstore for purchase or rent.

Each week you will have a forum/discussion, under the Discussions tab, to respond to. In order to earn full credit for these discussions you must respond to a minimum of THREE classmates. You have from Saturday-Saturday each week to complete. In addition, there are also

assignments due throughout the 4 weeks we have together. These can be found under the Assignments tab. Late assignments will not be accepted, so please keep yourself on schedule. This course will have assignments due during Christmas and New Year's. If you are travelling or concerned about timing, plan ahead and complete your assignments early.

A little about me: My name is Professor Kimberly (Velsor) Mazza. I am a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) and recently certified in perinatal mental health and mood disorders, which is a huge passion of mine. I love helping new and seasoned mothers to gain support in the community. I am trained in lactation consulting (breastfeeding) and as a birth doula. I currently work in private practice in Poughkeepsie at Compass Wellness Associates at 24 Davis Avenue. I have worked in a myriad of different populations in the public sector first such as Domestic Violence, Vassar Brothers Medical Center Emergency Department, and the list goes on! I am very passionate about the work of social work and Sociology is so vital to my field. I have been teaching at Marist since 2018 and I was a 2013 graduate of Marist's Bachelor's in Social Work program.

My best advice is always to reach out if you are unsure of something or need

guidance. This course moves quickly and it is best to reach out before it is too late. I can't wait to get to know you all this semester.

Best,

Prof Mazza