Greetings and welcome to my Sociology, Women’s Studies online class. You have enrolled in a very interesting class that studies the topic of society, women’s issues, and everything that is social. Sociology is the scientific study of human society and social interaction. Each of the courses I teach will study group interactions, cultural patterns, and an array of concepts that influence individuals, groups, and society. The approach I use in teaching sociology is to make the connection of everything you learn in this course, as it is relevant to your everyday life. After reading the message below, please feel free to email me with questions karith.meyers@canyons.edu. I welcome and encourage emails prior to the first day of class and throughout the duration of this course.

**Short-term online course:**
If you do decide to take a sociology course that is offered in a condensed or short-term format that is less than a full semester length class, please be advised that the pace will be intense and you must strive to not fall behind. It is crucial to adhere to all deadlines. I will cover the same amount of course material in a short-term class as is covered in a full semester length class. With that said, if you are the type of student that has trouble turning in assignments on time, this type of course may not be a good choice for you because there is no time to catch up.

**Online Course Info:**
All course content and assignments are available on Canvas. You may login to the course starting on the first day of class from the “My Canyons” page.

Remember, that for each three-unit sociology class, you should expect to spend nine hours per week on class. This includes reading, taking exams, Canvas Discussion Forums, quizzes, assignment and research projects. Online and hybrid classes require a high level of self-discipline and self-motivation on the part of the student. Having these qualities will help you to be successful in this course. I want you to succeed in this course and you must possess these qualities to be a successful sociology distance learner. Importantly, this course requires that you have regular and daily access to a computer for completing all course work and in communicating with me and with your fellow students. College of the Canyons has many computers for your use at the library, The Learning Center (TLC) and the ASG computer lab. Public libraries may also have computers for use; however, the time allowed on those may be restricted or limited.

The content of this course is the same as traditional classroom courses that I teach. The only differences are that you will not be attending lectures and you will submit your work online via Canvas. Class discussions will be conducted on Canvas too – see ‘Discussions’ tab on the course menu. Everyone enrolled in the course is required to participate in class discussions. Exams for online and hybrid courses are open book and there is a time restriction for how long you may spend on the exam. Therefore, you should still take these exams very seriously and study prior to the exam date. I will also require writing assignments for all online and hybrid courses.

**Textbook**
Please visit the College of the Canyons Bookstore website for the textbook that is required for your course. Unless I specify otherwise, you must have the textbook edition that is listed with the
College of the Canyons Bookstore. This is very important since the majority of course content and test material will come from the textbook. The course syllabus will include detailed information for the required textbook too.

**SOCI 200 Women’s Studies Textbook Requirement:**
The Sociology of Gender by Laura Kramer 2011, Third or 4th Edition (For a savings, I encourage students to shop early online for this text edition or to visit the COC Bookstore).

**Waitlist**
If you are on my waitlist I will contact you at the COC email address you have on MyCanyons, if and when I have an opening. I will only add students from the waitlist and in the order listed on the waitlist. You do not need to contact me unless I offer you a space. If I do offer you a space, you will need to contact me within 24-hours to accept. You will then need to add and pay for the class immediately since it may take up to 48 hours for you to appear in Canvas. Typically I have a quiz and Canvas discussion that is due at the beginning of the course. I will use these requirements to drop students who are not active in class. If I add you after the quiz due date, you will need to work with me on an extension or exemption on the points.

**Contacting Me**
During this course, you can contact me directly through email and I will return your message within 24-72 hours. I do not regularly listen to or respond to voicemail communication, so please email me if you should have questions.

**Office Hours**
As this is an online class, my office hours are virtual. Please email me questions and we can communicate back and forth in that manner. There is a “Student Café” discussion forum where you may ask the whole class questions too.

I am happy that you have decided to take this course – it will be a fun learning experience. If you have any questions prior to the beginning of the semester, please feel free to contact me via email at Karith.meyers@canyons.edu. A special welcome goes out to students from my past courses!

Sincerely,
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Distance Learning Home Page:
http://www.canyons.edu/distancelearning

Online Learning Readiness assessments:
http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/Assessments.asp

Counseling 070 information:
http://www.canyons.edu/offices/distance_learning/info/COUNS070.asp This link gives beneficial information to students contemplating online learning for the first time.