Introduction
Hi all! My name is Robert Wonser and I earned my BS in Business Administration with an option in Marketing and his MA in Sociology from CSUN. My research interests include culture, mass media, subcultures, popular culture, youth culture, consumerism, social stratification, criminology, and social psychology. I have written about the intersections of popular culture and deviance and the representations in zombie cinema as depicting of global pandemic and its implications for selfhood. Currently my spare time is spent with my daughters who I’m training to be sociologists.

This class will serve as your introduction to Women’s Studies; you are in for a treat! Sociology is the best subject! Literally, it is the best. I am not kidding; the best. Everything you are interested in, sociology has something to offer. We'll look at some fascinating topics in this class including (but not limited to) the big three: race, class and most importantly, gender. What does sociology have to offer about gender, don’t you already know this? Absolutely not! So much of our world is taken for granted. Sociology actively changes that, forces interrogation and a critical awareness. But there is so much more. Using your newly discovered sociological imagination everything you knew is open for scrutiny and the mundane becomes extraordinary. Enjoy!

Course Description
Explores the scientific study of crime and criminality and the definition of crime and its violations as well as the laws and methods used to control criminal behavior. Formerly SOCI-150.

Course Information
This course is completely online Summer class and will meet through CANVAS through the COC website from. We will NOT meet in person. Please ensure you have logged into Canvas (https://coc.instructure.com) no later than day two of the term; if you do not you will be DROPPED from this course. Please ensure that you are able to accommodate yourself to the confines of online learning. This means not only reading online, a computer with internet access, but the desire and self-motivation to actively participate and learn. You must be able to login at least every other day to keep up with class discussions (both your own and your classmates) as well as keep up with the readings. Just because this
class is online does not mean it’s easier. There are trade-offs between the convenience of home and saving gas and time. ***Please, please, please ensure you fully understand what this means before attempting this class. If you have questions on this you can email me for clarification.***

Having said all that, this class will be fun. You will learn a lot of highly relevant ideas that directly apply to your everyday life that you were completely unaware of. The journey into a new world (the world you think you are familiar with) begins today. Enjoy!

**Textbook information**


**Additional Readings/PDFs** There will also be assigned readings found in PDF form and available through the course’s Canvas shell or through links to articles on the internet.

**Other relevant course information**

After reading the message below, please feel free to email me with questions at this email address: robert.wonser@canyons.edu. I will strive to answer emails I receive prior to the first day of class within a day or two. Please be sure to include your full name, the class, and the section number in your emails. Please do NOT email me to say, “May I add your class?” Read this letter in its entirety. This course is completely online class and will meet through Canvas through the COC website. We will NOT meet in person. Please ensure you have logged into Canvas (https://coc.instructure.com/) no later than day two of the term; if you do not you will be DROPPED from this course. Please ensure that you are able to accommodate yourself to the confines of online learning. This means, not only reading online, a computer with internet access, but the desire and self-motivation to actively participate and learn. You must be able to login at least every other day to keep up with class discussions (both your own and your classmates) as well as keep up with the readings. Just because this class is online does not mean it’s easier. In some ways it is more difficult than face-to-face courses because it requires unique skills and self-motivation. There are trade-offs between the convenience of home and saving gas and time. Having said all that, this class will be fun. You will learn a lot of highly relevant ideas that directly apply to your everyday life that you were completely unaware of. The journey into a new world (the world you think you are familiar with) begins today. Enjoy!

***Remember that for each three-unit sociology class you should expect to spend nine hours per week on the class in a full semester. *** This includes reading, taking exams, etc. I want you to be successful and starting off on the wrong foot is usually not a good indicator of success. Online courses require a high level of self-initiative and they are well suited to students who possess this quality. This is for a
standard 15-week semester. Just because it is online does NOT mean we do less work, we do the same amount of work online.

To do well in this class you must have access to a dependable computer as well as reliable access to the internet. The school has many, many computers available for your use—check out the library, TLC, and ASG computer lab. Your public library also probably has computers for use, but the time allowed may be limited.

Be sure to check out CANVAS for updates and course materials.

Part of being successful in an online class is learning the material and the other part is being comfortable with the format so that you can access the material. If you are new to online courses I strongly suggest you investigate some of the online tutorials.

Additional Resources

Canvas
The course can be accessed via Canvas at cv.canyons.edu on the first day of the course. Follow the login instructions at the bottom of the screen to log in. Here, you can also access Canvas user guides with helpful tips for navigating and using Canvas. For any Canvas related issues please call the Canvas Student Support line at (661)362-3344 during college business hours, or (877)889-9052 for 24/7 support.

Distance Learning
Check out the Distance Learning website for more information on a variety of topics that can help you be a successful online student such as: exam proctoring, learning styles, computer skills, and tips for student success. If this is your first online course, feel free to take our online learning readiness assessment to assess your skills.

The Learning Center (TLC)
The TLC provides FREE tutoring resource to COC students including:
- Face-to-face & ONLINE tutoring
- Testing Center: offers test proctoring services for courses that have required proctored exams
- Study Jam Review Sessions
- Computers with over 300 software programs
For more information visit the TLC Website.
Disabled Students Program & Services (DSPS)
College of the Canyons DSPS provides educational services and access for eligible students with documented disabilities who intend to pursue coursework at COC. A variety of programs and services are available which afford eligible students with disabilities the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of the college programs and activities through appropriate and reasonable accommodations. For more information on their services visit the Disabled Students Program & Services website.

Online Counseling
The Counseling Department offers appointments online. You can schedule an appointment by visiting the Online Counseling website. Counselors can help you map out a plan to reach your educational goals as well as advise you on course selection and registration.