

Marist College
School of Social Work and Behavioral Sciences
Social Work Program

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology (SOC_101L_721_25U)
Summer Semester 2025
Online/Asynchronous on Brightspace

Welcome Students!

My name is Morgen Rappa and I will be your instructor for this Summer's *Introduction to Sociology* on-line course. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and co-owner of Compass Wellness Associates, a mental health and wellness agency here in Poughkeepsie, NY. I have worked as an adjunct instructor for Marist College since 2022 and truly enjoy teaching sociology.

What to expect in this course:

This course is an introduction to the fundamental theories and concepts of sociology, including sociological research methods, sociological theories and perspectives, social concepts, and social issues. I work to make the content interesting and interactive, pulling in modern day examples, videos, and events to support understanding of sociological concepts. You will discuss these topics with classmates throughout the semester, while also completing assignments to enhance your understanding of sociology within your own life.

What you need:

Textbook- Andersen, M. L. (2017). *Sociology: The Essentials* (10th edition). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Regular access to Brightspace- This will be an intensive 8-week class and regular access and participation in the course on Brightspace will be expected.

Additional things to know:

Although this is a shorter semester, we must accomplish the same expectations for a 3-credit course. Your dedication to reading, learning the concepts, participating in discussions, and completing the assignments will be required to feel successful in this course.

Reading the syllabus in detail will help you understand the expectations of this course. Additionally, each week you will receive detailed directions on what is expected for that week, guiding you through the semester. It will be easiest to navigate this course through the Content tab. It will provide you with access to directions, links for additional on-line materials, and connect you easily to discussions and assignments.

How to contact me:

I encourage communication, so please do not hesitate to reach out to me! Please email me directly, as sending messages through Brightspace will not offer quick responses.

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I look forward to this semester together!
Morgen