

# Instructor Welcome

## About Me

My name is Dr. Alexandra Olsen, and I will be your instructor for this online course. I have been teaching at UCC since January 2020. I have previously taught at both Orange Coast College and Compton College in Southern California. I have a Bachelor's Degree in both Sociology and French with minors in Statistics and International Affairs from Florida State University. I also have a Master's Degree and PhD in Sociology from the University of California, Irvine.

In addition to my education, I have worked with the Drug Policy Alliance in Los Angeles doing work related to harm reduction, homelessness, criminal justice reform, and drug policy reform. I have also worked to address a wide range of social justice issues through both research and community involvement, including women's rights in Morocco and immigration reform. I am thrilled to share what I have learned and love sharing it with others through teaching. I'm incredibly passionate about all of the topics that we discuss in this course and would always love to discuss more with you in office hours or during an appointment.

In my free time, I like to hang out with my 3 year old Saint Bernard named Goober, go camping, and take road trips. I'm also always reading books and articles, watching videos, and looking out for new content that I can integrate into my sociology courses - as I always like to integrate current events and the most recent research into my courses.

I look forward to a great term!

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