

**Sociology 498S
Field Study Seminar
Spring, 2004**

Course Syllabus

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This one-unit 498S class meets Saturday afternoon from 3:40- 4:30 pm. in SH 180 and is attached to the 498AEE one-unit course. Together the field study and this seminar course are intended to be a capstone experience in this major. The format will be largely discussion. Six assignments, cumulating in a written report, are designed to help you critically analyze your undergraduate experience in Sociology and to assess what that experience means in the job market. Class will meet the first two weeks of the semester and thereafter every other week. Chat based communication will be utilized during alternate weeks. Office hours will be held Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. immediately following the class and Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., in SH180, both in person and via the computer or telephone (x4049).

Week	Topic	Date
1	Introduction and Orientation Take role, distribute material, discuss assignments, collect information, orient communication	February 7th
2	Sociology Labor Market Assessment Assessment of Sociology as a job market; trends, sources of information and resources	February 14th
3	No class meeting - Project One - Data Collection to compile a graph of sociology employment base	February 21st
4	Assessing your Sociological Knowledge and Skills Discuss and develop techniques for identifying	February 28th
5.	No class meeting - Project Two - Data Collection Compile list of courses taken; content analyze for skills; relate to job classes identified in #3 above	March 6th
6.	Researching Career Paths Developing techniques for gathering information via interviews, questionnaires and focus groups.	March 13th
7	No class meeting - Project Three - Data Collection interviews and development job search strategy.	March 20th
8	Collecting your thoughts and preparing a resume Discussion of the form and function of a resume. Review handouts of sample forms and their impact.	March 27th

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9.	No class meeting - Project Four - Writing Exercise Writing project including a specimen resume for each job category. Posting online for discussion.	April 3rd
10	Applying for the Job Collaboration on strategies for submitting resumes and booking interviews. Emphasis on access.	April 17th
11	No class meeting - Project Five - Making Contact Exercise in actual submission if resumes and contact with at least three organizations.	April 24th
12	Going on the Interviews with critical discussion following.	May 1st
13	No class meeting - Project Six - Doing the Interviews of the process and personal prospects.	May 8th
14	Summing up the Experience and Assessing the Future Review and discussion of experiences; analysis of	May 15th
15	No class meeting - Project Seven final write-ups Time spent on formal report summarizing the previous six assignments.	May 22nd
16	Final Project Seven Reports Due in Class Project turned in to Professor in class	May 29th

Student Questionnaire - Sociology 498S

Your Name: _____

Your Student ID number: _____

Your email address: _____

Your Age: _____

Your Ethnicity: _____

How many hours per week do you work: _____

One-way miles commute to CSUN: _____

Do you have access to a computer: _____

Have you ever used: Email _____ Hypernews _____ Chat: _____

Your Year in School: _____

Number of Units: left to Graduate _____

Your Favorite Sociology Class:: _____

Why is it your favorite?: _____

Current employed as?: _____

Employment plans after graduation: _____
