FALL 2026 -- SOC 193B Peer Mentor in Sociology - Peer Mentor Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a peer mentor in the Sociology Department's peer mentoring program, ***SOC Circle.*** The course, **Peer Mentoring in Sociology,** is offered as a two-unit class for mentors (SOC193B, which requires faculty permission – Dr. Welkley).
This mentoring program provides an opportunity to give supportive guidance to peers majoring in **sociology**, while learning alongside other mentors. The overall purpose of SOC193 is to help students meet their goals for academic success and timely graduation.
As a mentor (an individual who provides guidance) you will have the opportunity to do all of the following: 1) Learn about our campus community 2) Gain experience in leadership, interpersonal communication skills, and helping others reach their academic goals 3) become acquainted with other sociology majors and faculty in the Sociology Department, and 4) build productive relationships that can support academic and professional success.

Eligibility
The process of being selected includes:

1. Completing this application (may be waived **if** you have already taken SOC193A)
2. 2.8 GPA
3. Obtain a letter/email of reference from an instructor at Sacramento State (preferably a sociology instructor) -- your reference can send the letter directly to Dr. Welkley (welkleyd@csus.edu). ***If you were(are) in SOC 193A during Spring 2026, please request the letter of reference from your mentor.***
4. An interview meeting via Zoom with Dr. Welkley.
5. Students must have either been at Sac State for at least two semesters **or** one semester and successfully completed SOC193A.

Please note: Dr. Welkley can make some allowances for some of these eligibility criteria. If you are interested in being a mentor, APPLY, so that your application can be processed, and then eligibility can be discussed.

* Required

* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

Application Questions

After you complete the following fifteen (15) questions, your application will automatically be sent to Dr. Welkley. She will then set up a time to meet with you before processing your enrollment in the course. If you would prefer to submit your ***Peer Mentor Application*** by filling out a Word document, please email Dr. Welkley, and she will send you the document file.

1. Name *

2. Date *

3. Why are you interested in being a mentor in sociology?

4. What are you planning/thinking to do once you graduate with your bachelor's degree?

5. How many semesters are left before you graduate?

6. What does being a “mentor” mean to you?

7. What do you feel you can provide to mentees in this program?

8. How do you describe your style of communication and relationship building skills?

9. How do you plan to go about building rapport (a bond or connection) with mentee(s) you are assigned?

10. Describe your time-management and organization skills.

11. Describe your **two greatest strengths** and **two areas that you believe need to be strengthened.** Please also **explain why.**

12. What do you believe you will gain from this mentoring experience?

13. Are you available to **attend SOC193 on Wednesday, 11am – 11:50am**, during the **FALL 2026** semester? Class will be conducted in Del Norte 1010.

    Note: If you are available, but may not be able to come to campus, yet are interested in being a mentor, please still apply. We can discuss your situation when we meet.

    ◯ YES

    ◯ NO

14. Are you able to commit to meeting with a mentee at least 30 – 60 minutes each week of the semester? This is in addition to our class time.

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No

15. We will also have an orientation the week before the semester begins for mentors to participate in – **August 26th, 2026**, **from 10:30 am - 3 pm (TBD)**. Please let me know if you will be able to attend this ***Mentor Orientation*** **for Fall 2026**.

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not sure, but will try

Reference Letter Information

After completing your application, please request a **Letter of Reference** from a professor (or your mentor if you were in SOC 193A). Preferably, a faculty member in the Sociology Department.

The **letter** should be **sent to Dr. Welkley** (welkleyd@csus.edu) **before Augsut 24, 2026**, and express:

1. How they know you and for how long; and
2. Qualities that stand out about you that they believe would contribute to your role as a mentor.

The reference letter can be sent to Dr. Welkley after your interview/meeting or before (welkleyd@csus.edu). Either is fine. **You do not need to submit it with this *Peer Mentor Application.***

Note: Dr. Welkley will provide possible interview/meeting dates after receiving your completed application. If you are accepted as a mentor, you will be enrolled in SOC193B by Dr. Welkley after the interview.

16. Please **share the name of who you plan to ask for the Letter of Reference** (or have asked).

17. If you have already obtained your **Letter of Reference,** you can submit it here now.

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