

SPRING 2026 -- SOC193B Peer Mentor in Sociology - Application

Candidate Name: _____

Date: _____



Peer Mentor in Sociology (SOC Circle) – Overview

The Sociology Department is glad you are interested in being a peer mentor in the upcoming semester. **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. This is achieved through the following opportunities in the course whether one is a *mentor* (an individual who provides guidance) or *mentee* (an individual who is new to Sacramento State and/or the Sociology Major):

- Learn about our campus community,
- Gain experience in leadership, interpersonal communication skills, and helping others reach their academic goals.
- Become acquainted with other majors and faculty in the Sociology Department, and
- 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 have already taken SOC193A); 2) 2.8 GPA; 3) a letter/email of reference from an instructor at Sacramento State; and 4) an interview meeting via Zoom with Dr. Welkley. Additionally, to be eligible for SOC193B and be a mentor, 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.

Application Questions

After you complete the following twelve (12) questions, please email your completed application to Dr. Welkley, welkleyd@csus.edu. She will then set up a time to meet with before enrolling you in the course.

Why are you interested in being a mentor in sociology?

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

How many semesters are left before you graduate?

What does being a "mentor" mean to you?

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5. What do you feel you can provide to mentees in this program?
6. How would you describe your style of communication and relationship building skills?
7. How would you go about building rapport (a bond or connection) with mentee(s) you are assigned?
8. Describe your time-management and organization skills.
9. Describe your two greatest strengths **and** two areas that you believe need to be strengthened. Please also explain why.
10. What do you believe you will gain from this mentoring experience?
11. Are you available to **attend SOC193 on Wednesday, 11am – 11:50am**, during the **SPRING 2026** semester? Class will be conducted in Del Norte 1010. We will also have an **orientation** the week before the semester begins for mentors to participate in – **January 21st, 2026 (TBD)**.

____ Yes

____ No

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

12. 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

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

REMINDER: You also need to request a **letter of reference** from a professor. The **letter** should be sent to Dr. Welkley (welkleyd@csus.edu) **before January 19, 2026**. The letter should express:

- 1) how they know you; and
- 2) qualities that stand out 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. Either is fine.

Please **share the name of who you plan to ask for the letter** (or have asked) _____