

Hello and welcome to SOC 132, Marriage and the Family.

My name is Porsche VanBrocklin-Fischer, but I have my students call me Prof. V.. You can call me Prof. VanBrocklin or Professor, but please do not address me as Porsche.

You should know that this is an online course that must be completed by you online for the duration of the entire course. If you did not intend to register for an online class, please let me know immediately so that we can get you into another class that might suit you better.

**Getting Started:** Your course requires you to log into the *UCompass* course management system. You can get to UCompass from the HFCC home page by clicking on the **Online Course Login** button or go to <http://henryford.ucompass.com/>. Use your usual HFCC User ID and login to start your class.

**Getting around your course:** All areas of your course are accessed from the navigation bar at the left. This bar is always present so you'll never be lost. To move from one section to another just click on the link.

**Syllabus:** Find the course syllabus by clicking the Syllabus link on the navigation bar, then click view syllabus.

Your first assignment is to read and print a copy of the syllabus for your records should you have computer problems down the line. Next, disable the pop-up blocker on the computers you will be using during this course, since it will affect your ability to take and submit your assignments.

Please read the ENTIRE syllabus before emailing me with questions. I have hundreds of students, so everything you need to know is in your syllabus.

Thanks and I am looking forward to an excellent semester with all of you!

You can contact me at [porsche@henryford.ucompass.edu](mailto:porsche@henryford.ucompass.edu) should you have any questions AFTER reading your syllabus. This is the only email you should ever use to contact me. This is an online course and we will be corresponding completely online for the entire semester.

You should contact the HFCC helpdesk for questions about passwords and log-ins (their contact info is in the syllabus).

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