Welcome to **SOC 201 – Marriage & Family** – it will be my privilege to coordinate your learning activities for this course as your instructor.

Let's cover a few start-up details so your online learning through South Central Online is a rewarding experience. The course begins on June 6, 2016, and it is necessary that you begin participating at that time.

Here are some things I want you to know before we meet online.

**Textbook information:**

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**Instructor contact information:**
Throughout the semester, contact me privately using D2L Brightspace’s mail feature that will send an e-mail to my South Central College e-mail account ([Darci.Stanford@southcentral.edu](mailto:Darci.Stanford@southcentral.edu)). Use this same e-mail address if you need to contact me before the start of the semester. You may also contact me by phone at 507-332-5827 (office). I will try to answer all course e-mail quickly. However, I urge you not to save questions until Friday nights. My office is located in room C-115 on the Faribault campus.

**You need access to a computer to participate in this course on a daily basis!**

**Your computer will need:**

- access to a computer with an Internet connection
- current, supported web browser… Newest version of Firefox or Microsoft Internet Explorer 11.0
- check [http://online.southcentral.edu/students/skillsrequirements.html](http://online.southcentral.edu/students/skillsrequirements.html) for complete technology specs
- this courses uses videos and podcasts so you will need to have access to speakers and preferably a DSL or higher internet connection

**Course access:**
You will have Internet access to the course content through D2L Brightspace. Set your URL to [https://southcentral.ims.mnscu.edu](https://southcentral.ims.mnscu.edu) to Login and you'll reach the course information. Courses will be available June 6, 2016.

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To access more information about South Central Online, go to [http://online.southcentral.edu/students](http://online.southcentral.edu/students).

Again, WELCOME. I'll see you on the Web!