

## **Syllabus Statements for Inclusive Classrooms**

### **Commitment to Diversity and Inclusive Excellence**

American University's School of Communication recognizes that our individual differences can deepen our understanding of one another and the world around us, rather than divide us. In this class, people of all ethnicities, genders and gender identities, religions, ages, sexual orientations, disabilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, regions, and nationalities are strongly encouraged to share their rich array of perspectives and experiences. If you feel your differences may in some way isolate you from SOC's community or if you have a need of any specific accommodations, please speak with me about your concerns and what we can do together to help you become an active and engaged member of our class and community.

### **Learning Differences and Chronic Conditions**

If you wish to receive accommodations for a learning difference or chronic condition, please notify me with a letter from the Academic Support and Access Center. As accommodations are not retroactive, timely notification at the beginning of the semester, if possible, is strongly recommended. To register with a learning difference or for questions about accommodations, contact the Academic Support and Access Center at 202-885-3360 or [asac@american.edu](mailto:asac@american.edu), or drop by the ASAC in Mary Graydon Center 243.

### **Academic Support**

All students may take advantage of the Academic Support and Access Center (ASAC) for individual academic skills counseling, workshops, tutoring, peer tutor referrals, and supplemental instruction. The ASAC is located in Mary Graydon Center 243. Additional academic support resources available at AU include the Bender Library, the Department of Literature's Writing Center (located in the Library), the Math Lab in the Department of Mathematics & Statistics, and the Center for Language Exploration, Acquisition, & Research (CLEAR) in Asbury Hall. A more complete list of campus-wide resources is available in the ASAC. You may also contact Derrick Jefferson, the SOC Librarian to set up an appointment or visit him during his office hours. His email address is [DerrickJ@american.edu](mailto:DerrickJ@american.edu) and his phone number is 202-885-3787. He can be especially helpful for structuring your research queries in the academic databases.