

# SOC 1 - Discussion Week 1

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# Welcome!

**My sections are:**

Section B07: Fridays 8:00 - 8:50 am at 233, Wellman Hall

Section B08: Fridays 9:00 - 9:50 am at 201, Wellman Hall

# About me

- Priyal (she/her/hers)
- Pursuing my Masters in Computer Science
- Grew up in India, completed my Bachelors degree in Computer Science there (a bit of traveling around)
- Gap year of 3 years, worked as a Software Developer
- Currently, research work in Blockchain under Prof Sadoghi and Application Security domain, prior experience in Systems
- Love travelling and discussing about TV shows, current affairs and anything techy

# Reach me on

1. Feel free to drop by my office hours: Fridays, 10:15 am - 12:15 am. My slots can be booked using Calendly here: <https://calendly.com/pdsoni-s-office-hours/>
2. Message me on Canvas
3. Drop me an email at [pdsoni@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pdsoni@ucdavis.edu).

# Round table intros!

Let's get to know each other.

1. Name and Pronouns
2. Year and Major
3. Why are you taking this class
4. What did you do this Summer? Any highlights

# Discussion session policies

1. **Respectful dialogue** - Let's ensure that we take the utmost care in creating a safe and respectful environment for the discussions. Let's be mindful our tone and remarks while addressing others.
2. **Attendance** - There's no strict policy about notifying me for missing a discussion session. We're all here to learn and grow from different perspectives, and it is understandable that sometimes despite our best efforts, life gets in the way. If at all, you want to know what happened in the discussion section, do schedule a call with me, and we can go through any important topics I covered.
3. **Doubts and inquiries** - I'm here to help you out with whatever doubts you may have regarding the structure of the class, concepts, assignments, etc. Do feel free to reach out to me at [pdsoni@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pdsoni@ucdavis.edu) or attend my office hours. Also, ensure that you include SOC 1 in your subject line. I'd respond within 48 hours to your email, earlier if there's anything urgent.

# Class Structure and Outline

- Canvas Discussion – 10 pts total (1/2 pt each\*20)
- 5 of 8 Weekly “Blogs” (starting next week) – 50 pts total  
Submit each by Friday, by 23:59 – 10 pts each
- Final Paper - (4 pages) – 40 pts

Please note: There is no final exam for this course, just the final paper. There is no grade for discussion sessions either.

Also, I can grant an extension of 24 hours, if at all you need to utilize this option. Beyond this, you have to check with the Professor. Ensure that you make a quality submission for the blogs and paper, than a hasty one.

# General layout

- Understanding/re-iterating key concepts from readings
- Discussions about lectures
- Case study (if applicable)
- Always open to feedback. In case, we all prefer to jazz up the format a little, we would definitely do that



# Link for survey

<https://forms.gle/zct5nLr7CpeW3wwq5>

Thank you