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Pearson Revel

Sociology

Introduction

This is Revel.

Revel speaks the language of students in a tech-first world. It's a digital, interactive, mobile-ready environment that empowers students to actively participate in learning.

Revel allows them to read, practice, and study in a single seamless experience they can access anywhere at any time, online or off.

As an educator, you'll also benefit from instructional support and personalization tools that let you interact with your students in more meaningful ways.

With Revel, you can teach Sociology the way you've always wanted to teach it.

From text to digital

Revel is your textbook… reimagined as a fully digital learning experience.

Learning design principles

In Revel, your Sociology courses include the narrative content you expect from respected authors, now enhanced with media, assessments, and study tools.

This is not simply print translated to digital. Each element is carefully selected by our authors using key insights from the learning sciences.

Our learning design principles ensure that Revel will incentivize students to engage deeply with course content, and as a result they'll be better prepared for class, open to participating in discussion, and ready to think critically.

Explore the learning science behind Revel

Manage cognitive load
In cognitive psychology, cognitive load refers to the amount of mental effort being used in working memory. One facet of this is extraneous cognitive load, or the mental effort spent on

distracting elements that are not relevant to learning. Research shows that if you can reduce extraneous cognitive load, you can make it easier for students to process information and move it from working memory to long-term memory.

Revel is designed to:

- Segment content into manageable pieces and presenting content via a consistent structure.

- Effectively using signaling, providing cues that highlight key material.

- Use spatial contiguity, placing all relevant content on-screen simultaneously.
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Boost active & constructive engagement

When students simply read about a subject, their ability to comprehend and remember the key takeaways is limited. Research indicates that actively and constructively engaging with concepts yields a higher impact on learning than passive engagement alone.

Revel is designed to:

- Provide students opportunities to engage actively with the key concepts they're reading about and to contextualize what they're learning through interactive media.

- Encourage students to think critically and constructively about important concepts through writing activities, available in select Revel products.

Provide immediate feedback

Feedback is most effective when it is specific to a particular task at hand, provides concrete information on how a student is performing, and shows how each task will connect to subsequent content. Research generally indicates that feedback is most effective when it is provided immediately.

Revel is designed to:

- Afford students opportunities to check their understanding at regular intervals before moving on through quizzing.

- Offer students feedback that is specific, clear, and timely.

- Give educators and students access to performance information through a Performance Dashboard. This data enables instructors to intervene when necessary to keep students on track.

The student experience in Revel

Revel for students

It's easy to get started on Revel. It integrates with your LMS, so sign-on is quick and everything you need is all in one place.

Check for LMS integration

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Assignments

Once they sign on, students are presented with their assignments.

Traditional reading assignments are enhanced with digital study tools such as highlighting, note-taking, customized comments from the instructor, and audio support.

The text is embedded with simulations, interactive practice, and videos… all to promote engagement and support deeper understanding.

Data-rich Interactives

In this example assignment, after they read a little, students are prompted to stop and engage with a Data-rich Interactive. Rather than *just* reading about a concept, students can interact with real data to understand the impact of local trends and improve their data and statistical literacy.

Explore Data-rich Interactives

Data-rich Interactives include maps, figures, and tables with Social Explorer technology that lets students interact with real data to explore concepts they've just read about. These interactive data presentations emphasize a key takeaway: that sociology is based on research and evidence, not opinion. Critical thinking questions increase data and literacy skills.

Pearson Originals Videos

Pearson Originals Videos for Sociology help students connect course content to their lives and their communities, humanizing complex social and political concepts.

Explore Pearson Originals videos

Pearson Originals videos harness the power of visual learning to bring the real world into your classroom. Exploring complex social and political issues, these contemporary videos prompt students to think critically as empowered citizens who can inspire social change.

Discover more at: https://www.pearsonhighered.com/revel/educators/originals-videos-samples/index.html

Current Event Bulletins

For even more relevancy in your course, many chapters also include Current Event Bulletins. These author-written articles are updated regularly to help connect core concepts with current events.

Explore Current Events Bulletins

Current Events Bulletins are author-written articles that help students connect chapter concepts with real-life current events. Fresh topics every semester help students better understand and relate to the content.

Learn more about Current Event Bulletins at:
https://www.pearsonhighered.com/revel/educators/browse-products/disciplines/sociology.html

Assessments

Revel also embeds assessment opportunities throughout.

Assessments give immediate, targeted feedback to help improve outcomes —not just "right" or "wrong". And as the instructor, you decide what types of assessments to assign, how many attempts to allow on each question, and how much they're worth.

Explore sociology assessment types

Embedded assessments such as quizzes and concept checks afford students opportunities to check their understanding at regular intervals before moving on. Assessments in Revel let instructors gauge student comprehension frequently, provide timely feedback, and address learning gaps along the way.

Essays integrated directly within Revel allow instructors to assign the precise writing tasks they need for the course.

Writing

Revel has writing assignments as well. The writing functionality enables you to integrate writing into the course without significantly impacting your grading burden. More writing practice is one of the best ways to foster and assess critical thinking.

Explore writing assignments

Writing features include:

- Self-paced Journaling Prompts throughout the narrative that encourage students to express their thoughts without breaking stride in their reading;

- Assignable Shared Writing Activities that direct students to share written responses with classmates, fostering peer discussion; and

- Essays integrated directly within Revel that allow instructors to assign the precise writing tasks they need for the course.

Revel mobile app

Not only can students access all study tools and course content from the Revel website, but they can further personalize their learning experience with the Revel mobile app.

With the Revel app, students can read, study, and practice on the go. Content is available both online and off, and the app syncs across all registered devices automatically. Customizable notifications help students stay on top of assignments, and audio playlists given them the flexibility to listen and learn on the go.

Explore the app

The Revel app helps students learn the way they live — on the move. The app is compatible with mobile phones and tablets and works both online and off. Check out some of the ways that the Revel app lets students learn where they want to, when they want to.

- **Offline access**

  - The Revel app lets you download your course materials to your devices, so you can read and study even when you're offline.

- **Reminders & Notifications**

  - It's easy to set reminders using the Revel app. You decide when and how often you want to receive assignment notifications to best fit your schedule.

- **Access to audio**

  - Need to review the chapter during your commute? Full audio of your text, available for most courses, lets you listen and learn as you go.

- **Assignments**

    - Complete your assignments on your mobile device to prep for class whenever you have a moment. (You must be online to access assessment.) Your work syncs across all your devices.

- **Vocabulary study tools**

    - Activities like flashcards and matching games let you study anytime, anywhere. And you can view your progress after each activity to track how you're doing before exams.

- **Highlighting and note-taking tools**

    - The Revel app lets you highlight key passages and take notes, so you can study however you like.

- **Available in the App Store or via Google Play**

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    - https://apps.apple.com/us/app/revel-by-pearson/id1088745696

The instructor experience in Revel

Just as Revel fits the way each student learns, Revel also lets you customize each course to the way you teach.

Course setup

From the beginning, Revel makes course setup both simple and personalized.

Assignments

It's easy to create assignments, and the assignment settings are flexible.

You set the due dates and you can even extend them for the full class or on an individual basis.

Explore assignment creation features
- Create assignments with the easy-to-use Drag and Drop tool

- Customize assignment names

- Filter by assignment type

- Modify due date and time, availability, and points possible to meet your course needs.

- Drag to reorder content within the assignment list

- Easily create writing or video quiz assignments

Grade settings

You also have control over how assignments are graded and how assessments are scored.

Educator dashboard

As students complete their assignments, the powerful Educator Dashboard provides you with at-a-glance details on class performance. You'll be able to quickly identify and contact struggling and low activity students, ensuring the whole class stays on track.

Gradebook

The Gradebook lets you easily see class results, time spent on assignments, and questions answered incorrectly on the first try.

Having all this information so easily accessible allows you to identify struggling students and intervene on an individual basis. Available data on overall class trends will help you find opportunities to adjust your class as a whole.

Conclusion

Case studies conducted with Revel users across the country have confirmed that classrooms in which students come prepared are more enthusiastic, attentive, and ready to learn.

And that's what Revel will do for you and your students.

Revel leads to higher retention rates, higher exam scores, higher course grades, richer in-class discussions, and more time for experiential learning.

To discover more about what Revel can do for you and for your students, create your own course today at pearson.com/revel.