

COURSE: SOC 102

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Harrill

TITLE: Marriage and the Family

CREDITS: 3.0 sem. hrs.

TEXTBOOK: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY. Davidson and Moore (1st ed.)

OFFICE HOURS: Posted

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces the institutions of marriage and the family from a sociological perspective. Significant forms and structures of family groups are studied in relation to current trends and social change. (3-0-3)

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL READING: WHY MEN DON'T LISTEN AND WOMEN CAN'T READ MAPS. Pease and Pease. ISBN 0-7679-0763-9

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To cognitively grasp the concepts mentioned in the formal course description.

To develop an understanding of the vocabulary and principles related to reproductive anatomy, childbearing, contraception and abortion as they relate to marriage, family and non-traditional relationships.

To develop a vocabulary related to the psychosocial aspects of marriage, family and non-traditional relationships.

To understand the personal competencies required to succeed in intimate relationships, marriage and parenting.

To describe the diversity of family styles among racial and ethnic groups.

To identify, confront and dispel myths related to marriage, families and intimate relationships.

EVALUATION

There will be four exams given. Each exam will be preceded by a formal review to be done at the end of the class prior to the actual test date. One of these four grades may be dropped. Each of the remaining three tests will count as one-third of your final grade.

There will normally be no make-up tests permitted. Sudden illness, child/car problems, etc. do not permit test extensions. Failure to take a test will result in a grade of "0" for that test.

If you know ahead of time that you will miss a scheduled test, early testing can be arranged with prior notice. However, once the class has had their tests, make-ups "after the fact" are not allowed.

SUPPLEMENTAL READING: To pass this course you must turn in an acceptably underlined and noted copy of the book Why Men Don't Listen... Failure to turn in an acceptable book by the last day of class will result in an automatic course grade of "F" (no matter what your test grades are). This stipulation reflects the centrality of the book's content to the course. You may begin turning in your book on the date of the third test.

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEKS 1,2,3 Chapter 1: Marriage and Family: Change and Continuity
Chapter 2: Roles for Women and Men
Review!

TEST #1

WEEKS 4,5,6,7 Chapter 3: Changing Rules for Family Forms
Chapter 4: Loving Self and Others
Chapter 8: Dating, Singlehood or Mate Selection
Chapter 9: Achieving Healthy Marriage
Chapter 10: Communication, Stress and Conflict
Chapter 11: Violence and Abuse in Relationships
Review!

TEST # 2

WEEKS 8,9,10,11 Chapter 5: Our Sexuality
Chapter 6: Sexual Intimacy
Chapter 7: Birth Control and STD's
Chapter 13: Decisions about Children, Pregnancy and Childbirth
Review

TEST # 3 (start turning in underlined/noted supplemental book)

WEEKS 12,13,14 Chapter 14: Parenting
Chapter 15: Dual Careers, Marriage and Parenthood
Chapter 16: Marital Dissolution
Chapter 17: Single Parents, Remarriage and Stepfamilies
Chapter 18: Marriage and Family in Middle and Later Years
Review!

TEST # 4