

SOC 221 Marriage and the Family**Credit Hours:** #3**Scheduled hours per week:** Lecture #3

Catalog Course Description: The course will examine the concepts and the processes of love, dating, sexual behavior, mate selection, marriage, divorce, parenting, etc. in the context of social expectations of American culture and ongoing social change in the values, attitudes and the roles of men and women. The students will come to understand themselves and their interpersonal relationships in the context of their group affiliations, such as family, school, peers, workers, socioeconomic class and the religious organization, etc. It will provide the kind of information that will make the students more aware of the factors that might be causing marriage and family problems and also various skills and techniques of coping with and resolving the problems.

Pre-requisites: N/A**Co-requisites:** N/A**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):**

1. Identify interpersonal relationships in the context of group affiliations.
2. Describe the effects of a group on individuals.
3. Explain the relationship between societal expectations and the mate selection process.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of changing marital values and gender roles in society.

CLO Assessment Methods: Exercises, exams, papers, and class participation**Topics to be studied:**

- The changing family
- Historical and contemporary families
- Socialization and gender roles
- Love and loving relationships
- Sexuality
- Dating and mate selection
- Singlehood and cohabitation
- Marriage and communication
- Parenting
- Divorce, remarriage, and blended families
- Domestic violence

Relationship of Course to Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) or Institutional Learning Outcomes:

Institutional Learning Category: People and Their Worlds

Institutional Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate cross-cultural awareness and understanding in the contemporary world. (CLO: 1, 3, 4)
2. Study the past and present world through political, historical, psychological, and/or sociological disciplines. (CLO: 1, 2, 3, 4)
3. Study the self in the contemporary world. (CLO: 1, 2, 3, 4)

Check if approved as: Foundational Learning Course Reinforcement Learning Course

Special requirements of the course: N/A

Additional information: N/A

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