

SOC C110: DATING, RELATIONSHIPS, AND MARRIAGE

Item	Value
Top Code	220800 - Sociology
Units	3 Total Units
Hours	54 Total Hours (Lecture Hours 54)
Total Outside of Class Hours	0
Course Credit Status	Credit: Degree Applicable (D)
Material Fee	No
Basic Skills	Not Basic Skills (N)
Repeatable	No
Grading Policy	Standard Letter (S), • Pass/No Pass (B)
Local General Education (GE)	• CL Option 1 Social Sciences (CD1)
California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)	• Cal-GETC 4 Social & Behavioral Sciences (4)
Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)	• IGETC 4 Social&Behavioral Sci (4)
California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth)	• CSU D Soc Politic Econ Inst (D)

Course Description

A study of the family as a social institution. Examines the process of family development including dating, courtship, engagement, mate selection, marriage, parenthood, and divorce. Crises and challenges facing families today will be examined from a sociological perspective. Transfer Credit: CSU; UC. C-ID: SOCI 130.C-ID: SOCI 130.

Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

1. Given a scenario or case study about a particular adult's behavior, analyze that behavior from a specific sociological theory.
2. Given case studies, scenarios, or observations, be able to interpret group behavior and individual behavior within family structures, formulate conclusions, and predict likely behaviors or actions based on analysis of expectations.

Course Objectives

- 1. Demonstrate an understanding of major sociological theories as they apply to the social institution of the family
- 2. Identify the various kinship and family arrangements found throughout the world.
- 3. Evaluate the varied nature of families from cross-cultural, historical, and political perspectives
- 4. Identify how characteristics of race, ethnicity, class, immigration status, age, class, gender, and sexuality intersect and interact within the family institution.

Lecture Content

Introduction: The Marriage Relationship in a Mass Society Viewing marriage and family from an objective, analytical, socio-psychological perspective The diversity and complexity existent in premarital, marital, and familial relationships The sociological terminology used in marriage and the family The importance of individual personality and social influences as they affect contemporary family life Accelerating Relationships, Methods of Mate Selections in the United States The learning of love The game of romance Pairing off Marriage readiness Engagement update Steps toward successful marriage The Physical and Sexual Aspects of Relationships Changing patterns in American society Sexual myths and misinformation The physiological aspects of sex Contraceptives and birth control methods The effects of unwanted pregnancy Venereal disease: the hidden epidemic Marriage and Alternative Lifestyles The decision to marry Legal aspects of marriage The wedding ceremony: traditions and rituals Inter-marriage Racial Religious Ethnic Social class Single Life Myths and stereotypes Changing morals and values towards single status Adjustment and Changes in Marriage Early Adjustments in marriage Dealing with conflict Communication and self-image Sexual compatibility and sexual dysfunction Changing roles in marriage Economics Crises and Breakdown of Marriage Crises in marriage Violence in the family Marriage and family counseling Marital termination Remarriage Families with Children Decision to have children Pregnancy and childbirth Successful parenting Single parent families Choices, Changes, and Challenges in Marriage Marriage in the middle years Relationships of the elderly The future of marriage

Method(s) of Instruction

- Lecture (02)
- DE Online Lecture (02X)
- Video one-way (ITV, video) (63)

Instructional Techniques

A variety of instructional techniques will be employed to encompass different student learning styles. These may include, but are not limited to, lecture, discussion, and small group activities. Instruction will be supplemented, where appropriate, by PowerPoint presentations, electronic resources and technologies, guest speakers and field trips.

Reading Assignments

Students will complete reading assignments from the textbook as well as any supplemental reading based upon course readers, handouts, internet resources, and assignments from the Coastline Library.

Writing Assignments

Writing assignments may consist of discussion forums, journal entries, and critical thinking essays. In addition, students will complete a substantial term paper. At least 35% of the class grade will be comprised of writing assignments.

Out-of-class Assignments

Outside of the classroom students will do the required reading, study for quizzes and exams, and conduct research, where applicable, to prepare papers and essays.

Demonstration of Critical Thinking

Students will demonstrate critical thinking through written work such as essays and papers as well as active participation in class discussions.

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration

Students will be required to complete one or more essays as a component of the midterm and/or final exams and at least one additional paper.

Eligible Disciplines

Sociology: Masters degree in sociology OR bachelors degree in sociology AND masters degree in anthropology, any ethnic studies, social work, or psychology OR the equivalent. Masters degree required.

Textbooks Resources

1. Required Schwartz, M; Scott, B. Marriages and Families: Diversity and Changes, 7th ed. Pearson, 2012 Rationale: - Legacy Textbook Transfer Data: Legacy text 2. Required Benokraitis, N. Marriages and Families: Changes, Choices and Constraints, 7th ed. Prentice-Hall, 2014 Rationale: - Legacy Textbook Transfer Data: Legacy text 3. Required Lauer, R; Lauer, J. Marriage and Family: The Quest for Intimacy, 8th ed. McGraw-Hill, 2014 Rationale: - Legacy Textbook Transfer Data: Legacy text 4. Required Lamanna, M; Riedmann, A. Marriages and Families: Making Choices in a Diverse Society, 11th ed. Cengage, 2016 Rationale: - 5. Required Strong, B; Cohen, T. The Marriage and Family Experience: Intimate Relationships in a Changing Society, 12th ed. Cengage, 2013 Rationale: - Legacy Textbook Transfer Data: Legacy text

Other Resources

1. Coastline Library