

Welcome to the Family Online



SOCI 0201-501

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Course Description from college catalog:

The family as a social institution, affected by and affecting other institutions. Some materials of the family in non-industrial societies will be included, but the main focus will

be on persisting patterns and on changes in the pre-marital, marital, and family relationships in the United States. 3 Credits

Course Text and Access Code Requirements:

Text- This class uses an ebook and My Family Lab- the package also comes with and full color copy pdf format 3 ring bound version of the text. All you will need is to purchase an inexpensive binder to hold the copy of the text. This system is very expensive for the student. But you must purchase this system from the WSU Bookstore.

You can order this through the Westfield College Bookstore or online when you log into the etext.

Through the bookstore or online through the publisher



Exploring Marriages and Families
1st edition Allyn and Bacon
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ISBN through the publisher is 020504221



Course Objectives:

1. To expose students to theories, issues and research relevant to the study of the family as it exists as a social institution in today's societies.
2. To enable the student to better understand the dynamics of family relationships.
3. Examine the dynamics of family relationship so that material can be useful to students in their own lives.
4. To encourage students to examine and prepare themselves for the roles they will play in relationships.



About the Course:

Assignments will be posted in the Weekly Assignments and Activities folder for each week. The Weekly Folder is the course central for the class. Class work is posted on Tuesdays and all work is due the following Tuesdays unless otherwise noted. This class

will be discussion based, thus it is critical that all students read the assigned readings

and be ready to participate in the graded online discussion forums.

Weekly students will be expected to read the assigned materials, post a discussion

and

reply posting, do an active learning assignments, take a weekly quiz, and a variety of online activities which could include the viewing of films or examining web sites.



Final Research Public Service Announcement Presentation Family Crisis Analysis and Family Policy

Power Point Public Service Announcements:

Students are required to submit a power point or short video public service announcement on

an issue that impacts families today. Students may elect to work in teams of two on these final projects. An indication of your topic will be

due the second week into the class.

You will be required to create a power point public service announcement that investigates and carefully

examines some aspect of societal breakdown that impacts families today. You are

required to give background information on your problem and the evidence that the crisis

exists today. Outline the policies that you think would best address the problem and

why. You may use social policy already in place, look cross culturally, or go out on a limb

and create your own. Details for the final are described in the course in detail.

Plagiarism Policy-Any type of plagiarism will result in an automatic "F" for the final.