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Course Number and Name: SOC 200 – Marriage and Family

Credit Hours: 4 Quarter Credit Hours

Method of Delivery: eLearning Course

Course Description: IAI S7 902:

This course surveys the contemporary family in historical and cross-cultural perspectives and will provide the student with a general understanding of the diversity and character of the family in the United States. Trends in mate selection, marriage, child-rearing, employment, gender roles, and communication within the family are included.

Prerequisite: SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology

Text: The Marriage and Family Experience 11th Ed.
(ISBN-13: 9780495100409)

Author: Bryan Strong, Christine DeVault, & Theodore F. Cohen

Publisher: Thomson Wadsworth (2008)

Other Readings: Other readings as assigned and available on JOULE

Materials Needed For This Course: The minimum system requirements to complete an eLearning course at Midstate College.

Topics: The following topics will be covered in this course:

1. The meaning of marriage and family
2. Intimate relationships
3. Family life
4. Family challenges and strengths

Learning Objectives: Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Describe the major theories of marriage and family and differentiate between historical and contemporary views of American family life.
3. Recognize and explain how gender roles and socialization concepts affect marriage and family.
4. Explore key concepts of love, intimacy, and sexual issues.
5. Illustrate an understanding for communication, conflict and power within the family unit.
6. Explain the theories of mate selection and explore the concepts of singlehood, marriage and cohabitation.
7. Discuss various issues surrounding parenthood including readiness, pregnancy, loss, childrearing, and styles of discipline.

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8. Explain how work and career affect the family.
9. Explore the issue of violence in relationships.
10. Identify how divorce affects different members of the family and explore issues surrounding single-parent and blended families.
11. Analyze current marriage and family trends, discoveries, and research.

Midstate Grading Scale:

90 – 100 = A

80 – 89 = B

70 – 79 = C

60 – 69 = D

0 – 59 = F

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Student Success: The Office of Student Success is available to students seeking tutoring for individual classes or who need assistance with writing assignments. Information is also available on test taking techniques, how to take notes, developing good study skills, etc. Contact Student Success in Room 217 (in person); (309) 692-4092, extension 2170 (phone); studentsuccess@midstate.edu (email).

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Participation Requirements:

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You are expected to participate **at least two** days a week in several conference discussions / homework assignments relating to the subject materials for the week. Discussions will take place in the online discussion forum as assigned by the faculty member in the course syllabus. You will read, analyze, and respond to questions and comments from the faculty member and fellow students.

Examination Information: There will be 2 examinations administered in this class.

1. **Midterm Examination** - will consist of 100 points and it will cover the chapters as indicated in the Course Outline. It will be available **Monday, March 30th at 12:00 PM** and it is due by **Monday, April 6th at 8:00 AM**.
2. **Final Examination** - will consist of 100 points and it will cover the chapters as indicated in the Course Outline. It will be available **Monday, May 11th at 12:00 PM** and it is due by **Friday, May 15th at 8:00 AM**.

Methods of evaluating student performance: Please see “Instructor Final Grade Determination” below for more information.

Attendance Policy: eLearning students must login and participate at least once a week to be counted present for the week (participation is strongly recommended and essential for passing this course). You must post a gradable assignment each week to be counted as “Present” for the week.

Instructors Grading Scale: The following assignments and activities are outlines in a week-by-week format. All assignments (unless specified otherwise) are due by the date identified by the instructor and they need to be posted to the location specified by the faculty member in the syllabus. The following schedule indicates the days of the week to be followed in this module.

Day 1	Monday
Day 2	Tuesday
Day 3	Wednesday
Day 4	Thursday
Day 5	Friday
Day 6	Saturday
Day 7	Sunday

Instructor Final Grade Determination: Your final grade in this course will be based on 1000 points: Each week there will be an online quiz to take on JOULE to reinforce that week’s lecture and material. Each quiz will be made available on Monday at 12:00 p.m. of that week and will remain available until the following Monday until 8:00 a.m. This gives students one full week to complete the materials. For quiz availability dates, see dates in the Course Outline below. Each quiz will be worth 20 points. Students will be required to complete a Journal Entry each week summarizing the material for that week. Additionally, students will be required to complete a Simulated Marriage Contract. Guidelines and details for all assignments will be posted on JOULE as they become due. Additionally, students will be expected to participate in group

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discussions having demonstrated they have read the material assigned. Points will be deducted at my discretion if a student does not demonstrate knowledge of the assigned material and/or does not contribute during group discussions. We will be engaging in group discussions over our textbook material, special readings, and any documentaries that we view throughout the term. Lastly, there will be a midterm exam and a final exam, which will be administered online and will include essay, multiple choice, and true/false questions. Grading points are as follows:

1. Weekly quizzes	200 points (20 points each x 10 quizzes)
2. Journal Entries	200 points (20 points each x 10 entries)
3. Simulated Marriage Contract	200 points
4. Application Assignment	100 points
5. Midterm Exam	100 points
6. Final Exam	100 points
7. Group participation	<u>100 points</u>
8. TOTAL POINTS	1000 points

*All students must have a 70% or better to pass this course.

Course Policies and Procedures:

1. eLearning Sessions: In accordance with Midstate College policies, class material will be made available on Monday at 12:00 p.m. of that week (see dates in the Course Outline below) and will remain available until the following Monday until 8:00 a.m. This allows students one week to access the lecture and related material for that week's session, take the quiz, and participate in the mandatory discussion and summary boards.
2. Application Assignment and Simulated Marriage Contract: These assignments will supplement the textbook, special readings and online lectures to further your understanding and application of marriage and family issues and trends. Assignments will be turned in online via Turnitin links on Joule available the week they are due. Late submissions will not be accepted and will get a zero. While this is not a composition course, I will be counting off for grammar and spelling errors, run-on sentences, and other writing errors. I expect good quality written assignments!
3. All work must be completed by **Friday, May 15th, 2015 (8:00 AM.)**.
4. Academic dishonesty (cheating / plagiarism) in any form will not be tolerated in this course and may result in the dismissal/suspension from the course/program/college. Do your own work!! Not knowing the rules of plagiarism is not a valid defense. Check with me if you are not clear on what constitutes plagiarism.
5. This is a tentative syllabus and outline and is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. Students will receive timely notice of all such changes via announcements made online in Joule and via email.

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Course Outline

This Outline is a guideline that may change as necessary as the quarter/term progresses. However, the final exam WILL BE on the given date.

WEEK 1:

1. Pretest
2. Syllabus Review/Course Goals
3. Review Simulated Marriage Contract Assignment guidelines
4. Chapter 1: The Meaning of Marriage and the Family
5. *Quiz 1 available Online day 2 of week 1 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 2 (at 8:00 AM)*

Topics Covered in Week 1:

1. Meaning of marriage and family

Objectives Covered in Week 1:

1. Begin familiarizing students with the class format.
2. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.

WEEK 2:

1. Chapter 2: Studying Marriages and Families
2. Chapter 3: Variations in American Family Life
3. *Quiz 2 available Online day 1 of week 2 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 3 (at 8:00 AM)*

Topics Covered in Week 2:

1. Meaning of Marriage and Family

Objectives Covered in Week 1:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Describe the major theories of marriage and family and differentiate between historical and contemporary views of American family life.

WEEK 3:

1. Chapter 4: Gender and Family
2. *Quiz 3 available day 1 of week 3 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 4 (at 8:00 AM)*

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Topics Covered in Week 3:

1. Intimate Relationships

Objectives Covered in Week 3:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Describe the major theories of marriage and family and differentiate between historical and contemporary views of American family life.
3. Recognize and explain how gender roles and socialization concepts affect marriage and family.

WEEK 4:

1. Chapter 5: Intimacy, Friendship, and Love
2. Chapter 6: Understanding Sex and Sexualities
3. *Quiz 4 available day 1 of week 4 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 5 (at 8:00 AM)*

Topics Covered in Week 4:

1. Intimate relationships

Objectives Covered in Week 4:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Describe the major theories of marriage and family and differentiate between historical and contemporary views of American family life.
3. Recognize and explain how gender roles and socialization concepts affect marriage and family.
4. Explore key concepts of love, intimacy, and sexual issues.

WEEK 5:

1. Chapter 7: Communication, Power, and Conflict
2. *Quiz 5 available day 1 of week 5 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 6 (at 8:00 AM)*

Topics Covered in Week 5:

1. Intimate relationships
2. Family life

Objectives Covered in Week 5:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Describe the major theories of marriage and family and differentiate between historical and contemporary views of American family life.
3. Recognize and explain how gender roles and socialization concepts affect marriage and family.
4. Illustrate an understanding for communication, conflict and power within the family unit.

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WEEK 6:

1. Midterm Examination (100 Points), Chapters 1-7
2. *Exam available day 1 of week 6 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 7 (at 8:00 AM)*

Topics Covered in Week 6:

1. The meaning of marriage and family
2. Intimate relationships
3. Family life

Objectives Covered in Week 6:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Describe the major theories of marriage and family and differentiate between historical and contemporary views of American family life.
3. Recognize and explain how gender roles and socialization concepts affect marriage and family.
4. Explore key concepts of love, intimacy, and sexual issues.
5. Illustrate an understanding for communication, conflict and power within the family unit.
6. Explain the theories of mate selection and explore the concepts of singlehood, marriage and cohabitation.

WEEK 7:

1. Chapter 8: Marriages in Societal and Individual Perspective
2. **Application Assignment Due**
3. *Quiz 6 Available day 1 of week 7 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 8 (at 8:00 AM)*

Topics Covered in Week 7:

1. Family life
2. Family challenges and strengths

Objectives Covered in Week 7:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Explain the theories of mate selection and explore the concepts of singlehood, marriage and cohabitation.

WEEK 8:

1. Chapter 9: Unmarried Lives: Singlehood and Cohabitation
2. Chapter 10: Becoming Parents and Experiencing Parenthood
3. *Quiz 7 available day 1 of week 8 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 9 (at 8:00)*

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Topics Covered in Week 8:

1. Intimate relationships
2. Family life
3. Family challenges and strengths

Objectives Covered in Week 8:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Discuss various issues surrounding parenthood including readiness, pregnancy, loss, childrearing, and styles of discipline.

WEEK 9

1. Chapter 11: Marriage, Work, and Economics
2. *Quiz 8 available day 1 of week 9 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 10 (at 8:00 AM)*

Topics Covered in Week 9:

1. Family challenges and strengths

Objectives Covered in Week 9:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Explore the issue of violence in relationships.

WEEK 10:

1. Chapter 12: Intimate Violence and Sexual Abuse
2. Chapter 13: Coming Apart: Separation and Divorce
3. *Quiz 9 available day 1 of week 10 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 11 (at 8:00 AM)*

Topics Covered in Week 10:

1. Family challenges and strengths

Objectives Covered in Week 10:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Identify how divorce affects different members of the family and explore issues surrounding single-parent and blended families.

WEEK 11:

1. Chapter 14: New Beginnings: Single-Parent Families, Remarriages, and Blended Families
2. **Simulated Marriage Contract Due**
3. *Quiz 10 available day 1 of week 11 (at 12:00 PM) through day 1 of week 12 (at 8:00 AM)*

Topics Covered in Week 11:

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1. Family challenges and strengths

Objectives Covered in Week 11:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Identify how divorce affects different members of the family and explore issues surrounding single-parent and blended families.
3. Analyze current marriage and family trends, discoveries, and research.

WEEK 12:

1. Final Examination (100 points), Chapters 8-14.
2. *Final Exam available day 1 of week 12 (at 12:00 PM) through day 5 of week 12 (at 8:00 AM)*

Topics Covered in Week 12:

1. The meaning of marriage and family
2. Intimate relationships
3. Family life
4. Family challenges and strengths

Objectives Covered in Week 12:

1. Define basic marriage and family terminology and explain important features of family concepts and theories.
2. Describe the major theories of marriage and family and differentiate between historical and contemporary views of American family life.
3. Recognize and explain how gender roles and socialization concepts affect marriage and family.
4. Explore key concepts of love, intimacy, and sexual issues.
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