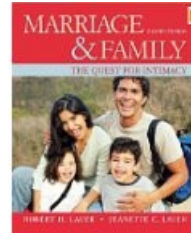


SOC 301 Marriage and Family

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to help students develop an understanding of the nature of marriage and family in America.

Recommended Textbook: The primary learning resource for this course is the textbook, *Marriage and Family: The Quest for Intimacy*, 8th Edition. The authors are Robert and Jeanette Lauer. Softcover, 408 pages. ©2012, McGraw-Hill. ISBN-13: 9780078111624.



Learning Outcomes: By the end of this study, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of:

1. The major theoretical perspectives as they relate to marriage and the family.
2. The socio-historical evolution of family forms and processes contributing to change in form over time.
3. The interaction between work and family.
4. The causes and consequences of diversity in family form such as cohabitation, marriage, child-bearing, divorce, and remarriage.
5. The causes and consequences of family violence and/or crisis.
6. The role of family and family practices in child socialization.
7. The causes and consequences of the social meanings given to gender and sexual orientation in families.
8. The role of social structure, governmental policy, and systems of inequality on family form and dynamics.

Structure: This course is divided into three sections. Each section has several Areas of Study which correspond to the chapters of the recommended textbook.

SOC 301.1 The Context of Intimacy

First Area of Study: An Overview of Marriage and Family in America

Second Area of Study: Diversity in Families

Third Area of Study: Gender Roles: Foundation for Intimacy

Fourth Area of Study: Sexuality

Fifth Area of Study: Getting Involved

Sixth Area of Study: Falling in Love

Seventh Area of Study: Selecting a Life Partner

SOC 301.2 Intimacy in Marriage and Family Life

First Area of Study: Getting Married

Second Area of Study: The Challenge of Communication

Third Area of Study: Power and Conflict in Marriage

Fourth Area of Study: Work and Home

Fifth Area of Study: Becoming a Parent

SOC 301.3 Challenges to Intimacy and the Lifelong Quest

First Area of Study: Family Crisis

Second Area of Study: Separation and Divorce

Third Area of Study: Remarriage and Stepfamilies

Fourth Area of Study: Intimacy in the Later Years

Academic Credit: Academic credit is earned for this course by passing the Marriage and Family Examination. The exam has three parts which correspond to the sections listed above.