



## MASTER COURSE OUTLINE

Prepared By:

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## COURSE TITLE

Marriage and Family

## GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Dept.: SOC

Course Num: 220

(Formerly: SOC 270)

CIP Code: 45.1101

Intent Code: 11

Program Code:

Credits: 5

Total Contact Hrs Per Qtr.: 55

Lecture Hrs: 55

Lab Hrs: 0

Other Hrs: 0

Distribution Designation: Social Science SS

## COURSE DESCRIPTION (as it will appear in the catalog)

A sociological inquiry into the American institution of marriage and family life. The class includes studies of dating, the single life, sexuality, marriage, parenthood, communication, divorce and many other topics relevant to marriage, mating and family life today.

## PREREQUISITES

Strongly recommend placement in MATH 098 or higher and placement in ENGL 099 or higher.

## TEXTBOOK GUIDELINES

*Marriages and Families: Making Choices in a Diverse Society*, by Mary Ann Lamanna and Agnes Riedmann.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED: Study guide to accompany *Marriages and Families*

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

*Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to demonstrate the following knowledge or skills:*

- 1) To offer an interesting look at the information which social science offers about our society and the choices people make in their relationships, marriages and families.
- 2) To explain the diversity among families and illuminate why some things are different today while other things remain the same.
- 3) To provide effective techniques that will help to build stronger, more satisfying relationships, marriages and families.

## INSTITUTIONAL OUTCOMES

None

## COURSE CONTENT OUTLINE

Family Commitments: Making Choices in a Changing Society

American Families in Social Context

Exploring the Family

Our Gendered Identities

Loving Ourselves and Others  
Our Sexual Selves  
Being Single, Living Alone, Cohabiting, and Other Options  
Committing to Each Other  
Marriage a Private and Public Relationship  
Communication and Managing Conflict  
Power and Violence  
To Parent or Not to Parent  
Parents and Children Over the Life Course  
Work and Family  
Divorce and After  
Remarriages and Stepfamilies

**DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES** *(optional)*

PO4 should be assessed: Students will be able to recognize or articulate personal/interpersonal aspects of, or connections between, diverse cultural, social, or political contexts.

PO5 should be assessed: Students will be able to solve problems by gathering, interpreting, combining and/or applying information from multiple sources.

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**DIVISION CHAIR APPROVAL**

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**DATE**