Syllabus: Marriage and Family
Course Number: SOCI 2301.H1

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Textbook Information: Textbook chapter summaries are linked at our class homepage, and will suffice for our textbook this semester. If you want additional reading material, you can purchase the textbook Human Intimacy: Marriage, the family, and its meaning, (11th ed.), Frank D. Cox (ISBN 978-1133947769) There is also a copy of the textbook at the Reserve Desk at the library.

THIS CLASS IS BEING TAUGHT AS A HYBRID CLASS BUT YOU CAN CHOOSE TO TAKE IT AS AN ONLINE CLASS. THE HYBRID CLASS WILL MEET ONCE A WEEK EACH TUESDAY FROM 11:00 am – 12:20 pm.

Student Requirements

(1) SUBSCRIBE TO BLOG - At our class homepage, in the blue bar at the top of the page, you will see the heading "Class Information." This is a blog and you need to subscribe to it. To do this, click on "Class Information," then click on "Subscribe," check "By email," and then click "Subscribe." That way any information I post about class activities will not only appear at the top of our class homepage, but also be sent to you in an email to your TC email account.

(2) TESTS – Tests will be taken online and can be taken at home or at any computer with an internet connection. **There will be a one hour time limit for each test.**
Test questions will include information covered in the chapter summaries and assigned activities, as well as from movies that may be assigned for you to view. Questions will be multiple choice and short answer/essay.

(3) ACTIVITIES - There will be several activities assigned this semester. Activities will involve such things as reading a handout and responding to it, watching a movie, and responding to questions about it, or finding a research article about a topic discussed in class. Each activity will be found at the "Course Organizer" at our Jenzabar class homepage, and will be explained in class and in messages sent to the class (for those who choose to do the class online).

(4) ATTENDANCE - Attendance will be based on completion of the activities and exams by their due dates. Failure to send in an activity by its due date or take an exam by its due date will constitute an absence. You are allowed 4 absences before being dropped from the course.

Student Assessment:

You have the following possibilities for earning points:

(1) 5 tests (100 points each) -	500 possible points
(2) Activities -	200 possible points
	700 possible points

Grading Scale:

Grades by total points or grades by grade average (total points divided by 8):

A: 630 - 700 total points, or 90 – 100 average
B: 560 - 629 total points, or 80 – 89 average
C: 490 - 559 total points, or 70 – 79 average
D: 420 - 489 total points, or 60 – 69 average
F: below 420 total points, or below 60 average

Please check your grades at the "Gradebook" link at TC Online often. Any errors in grading or posting need to be noted before the last day of class.

Absentee Policy:

Failure to send in an activity or take an exam by its due date will count as an absence. You are allowed **2** absences. **STUDENTS WHOSE ABSENCES EXCEED THIS LIMIT WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE COURSE BY THE INSTRUCTOR. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with absences, and to check with the Admissions office to see if they have exceeded their absences and have been dropped from the course.**

Make-up Policy:

Tests - Make-up tests will be taken online, at any computer with an internet connection. Students who do not take tests by the due dates will have one week to take the make-up test. Students taking make-up tests will be given a **45 minute time limit** for the test.

Activities – Activities handed in up to one week late will be graded at half-credit, and receive no credit after that.

Academic Dishonesty Policy:

Scholastic dishonesty, involving but not limited to cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, or falsification of records will make the student liable for disciplinary action after being investigated by the Dean of Students. Proven violations of this nature will result in the student being dropped from the class with an "F." This policy applies campus wide, including the TC Testing Center, as well as off-campus classroom or lab sites, including dual credit campuses. This information can be found in the Student Handbook at https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/catalog/article/academic-dishonesty-policy/

Computer Requirement Policy:

Students are required to have a computer with Internet access for classes. The computer must be an actual computer – smart phones, iPads, Androids, Chromebooks, etc., are not acceptable substitutes because they lack software compatibility necessary to complete all assignments and tests. Financial costs for the necessary equipment and internet access are the responsibility of the student.

Students needing to purchase a computer may do so through the Texarkana College Bookstore. Systems purchased through the bookstore meet or exceed all requirements, are competitively priced, and may be purchased using financial aid funds. If the system is purchased through another source, it is the student's responsibility to ensure the system meets all requirements.

Computer systems requirements:

- Webcam, microphone, and speakers or headphones
- Windows 10 or a recent version of Mac OS (minimum Sierra). Windows 10 S mode is not supported
- Hardware capable of running Microsoft Teams (free download) and supports multi-media playback
- Support for Chrome or Microsoft Edge – Note: Firefox, Safari, or other browsers may not work on all TC applications
- Able to run Microsoft Office which will be provided free to TC students
- Adobe Reader or another PDF viewer
- Antivirus software such as Windows Defender or another 3rd party anti-virus solution
- The Respondus Lockdown browser is used for taking tests; therefore, the system must be capable of running this software. Most newer systems that meet other specifications should work.
- Students should regularly backup content to prevent loss of coursework due to hardware failure. Backup copies of documents and other coursework may be placed on OneDrive cloud storage. OneDrive is included free of charge for all TC students.

A list of Internet service providers can be found on the TC website at: https://www.texarkanacollege.edu/coronavirus/.

Alternate Operations during Campus Closure

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, Texarkana College may need to move to altered operations and course delivery methods. During this time, Texarkana College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to: online learning management system (Jenzabar or Moodle), online conferencing through TEAMS, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor Texarkana College's website (www.texarkanacollege.edu) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, instructor email notifications on the method of delivery and course-specific communication, and Texarkana College email notifications for important general information.

COVID-19 Online/Virtual Environment Instructional Commitment

The ongoing Covid-19 situation will require that some course materials and instruction are provided through an online and/or virtual format. Even if all or a portion of a class was originally scheduled to meet face to face, social distancing guidelines associated with Covid-19 will limit the number of students who are able to attend face to face classes in person simultaneously. Further, circumstances associated with Covid-19 could cause the college to be forced to shift completely to an online and/or virtual delivery at any time during the semester. While TC faculty members are committed to providing students the option of face to face instruction if possible, students should be prepared to continue their classes in an online and/or virtual environment if necessary. Texarkana College is committed to maintaining engaging, high quality instruction regardless of the delivery format.

Class Schedule:

Material covered in the course is divided into 5 units, with a test given for each unit.

UNIT I:

Chapter 1 - Human Intimacy in the Brave New World of Family Diversity
Chapter 2 - Human Intimacy, Relationships, Marriage, and the Family
Chapter 3 - American Ways of Love

Test I over Chapters 1, 2, and 3

UNIT II:

Chapter 4 - Gender Convergence and Role Equity
Chapter 5 - Communications in Intimate Relationships
Chapter 6 - Dating, Single Life, and Mate Selection

Test 2 over Chapters 4, 5, and 6

UNIT III:

Chapter 7 - Marriage, Intimacy, Expectations and the Fully Functioning Person
Chapter 8 - Human Sexuality
Chapter 9 - Family Planning, Pregnancy, and Birth

Test 3 over Chapters 7, 8, and 9

UNIT IV:

Chapter 10 - The Challenge of Parenthood
Chapter 11 - Family Life Stages: Middle Age to Surviving Spouse
Chapter 12 - The Importance of Making Sound Economic Decisions
Chapter 13 - The Dual-Worker Family: The Real American Revolution

Test 4 over Chapters 10, 11, 12, and 13

UNIT V:

Chapter 14 - Family Crisis
Chapter 15 - The Dissolution of Marriage
Chapter 16 – Remarriage: A Growing Way of American Life
Chapter 17 – Actively Seeking Marital Growth and Fulfillment

Test 5 (FINAL EXAM) over Chapters 14 - 17

Any changes to this syllabus will be announced to the class.