

**Syllabus:****Course Number:** SOCI 2301.1W1**Semester & Year:** Fall 1, 2025**Instructor Information**

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Marriage and Family 2301.1W1 Syllabus, Fall 1, 2025: Sociological and theoretical analysis of the structures and functions of the family, the varied cultural patterns of the American family, and the relationships that exist among the individuals within the family, as well as the relationships that exist between the family and other institutions in society.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the family and marriage as social institutions through theoretical perspectives.
2. The student will examine the diversity and complexity of contemporary families.
3. The student will explore changing cultural attitudes about marriage and alternatives to marriage.
4. The student will critically evaluate such issues as sexuality, partner choice, resolving marital issues, having and raising children, and combining work with family.
5. The student will demonstrate understanding of the relationship between theories and research methods used in the scientific study of marriage and family.
6. The student will describe some of the historical changes and current trends regarding the structural nature of the American family including the role of gender in relationships.
7. The student will identify causes and consequences of relevant problems within contemporary families.

Textbook

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](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0133947769)) There is also a copy of the textbook at the Reserve Desk at the library.

Communication between Instructor and Student: You can send messages to me about our class to my email address, alyce.bunting@texarkanacollege.edu. I will respond to any message you send me within 24 hours, if sent during the week, and Monday, if sent over the weekend. Keep this in mind if you are trying to complete an assignment at the last minute and run into a problem. Because, if that happens, and you message me for help, there is a good chance that I won't respond until after the assignment is due! In other words, plan accordingly.

Grading:

You have the following possibilities for earning points:

(1) Course Worksheet (your bonus points)	50 possible points
(2) 2 tests (100 points each) -	200 possible points
(3) Activities -	285 possible points
(4) Forum -	<u>15 possible points</u>
	550 possible points

Grading Scale and Student Assessment:

Grades are available at the link for our class, SOCI 2301 (2W1 WEB) at myTC under the heading "Jenzabar Attendance and Grades." I use total points to determine final grades in this class. Grades will be assigned as follows:

- A: 450 – 550 total points, or 90 – 100 average
- B: 400 - 449 total points, or 80 – 89 average
- C: 350 - 399 total points, or 70 – 79 average
- D: 300 – 349 total points, or 60 – 69 average
- F: below 300 total points, or below 60 average

Texarkana College is not responsible for issues related to your computer or internet service. Any problem with your computer or internet service is your responsibility and is not an excuse for not completing your assignments by their deadlines.

Coursework/Exams: All coursework will be sent through our Moodle class homepage. The course material is divided into five units. Each of the five units has one or two activities covering material in the text. Additionally, there are two tests over the material in the five units. **THE TWO TESTS ARE TIMED, BUT NONE OF THE OTHER COURSEWORK IS TIMED.**

PLEASE NOTE: All coursework, including the tests, is available for you to work on now. Each assignment and test has a due date, but work can always be sent in early. In fact, I would suggest you work ahead at least one assignment in case an emergency arises and you are not able to send in work on time. And, since all coursework is available for completion now, there is no excuse for not getting work done on time. Therefore, if an emergency arises for you when an assignment is due, **DO NOT ASK FOR EXTENDED TIME.** Your extended time for completing coursework starts now!

Student Requirements:

(1) COURSE WORKSHEET - After familiarizing yourself with all of the information contained at the various links at our class homepage, you will then complete a Course Worksheet. This worksheet is a 50 question test over the course information, and the maximum number of points to be earned on the worksheet is 50 points. However, each incorrect response will result in a 5 point deduction, so if you miss more than 10 questions, you will earn no bonus points. **THE POINTS YOU EARN ON THE COURSE WORKSHEET WILL BE YOUR ONLY BONUS POINTS FOR THIS COURSE. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER BONUS POINTS FOR THIS COURSE. SO IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO DO WELL ON THE WORKSHEET.**

PLEASE NOTE: You may look at the class homepage, syllabus, and information contained at the links at our class homepage when working on the Course Worksheet! In fact, please do!

(2) TESTS - There will be a Mid-Term Exam (Test 1) and a Final Exam (Test 2) given in this class. Both exams are comprised of 100 multiple-choice questions. These two exams will be taken online and can be taken at home or at any computer with an internet connection. The two exams are timed, and you will have **90 minutes** to complete each exam. Exams can be taken at any time, but must be taken by 11:30 pm on their due dates. Both exams are available to be taken now.

There is a review included for each test. Individual reviews for the five units are included with the unit activities. Cumulative reviews for the two tests are included at the link for the tests. The reviews list the concepts from each chapter you need to know, so be sure you are familiar with the information on the reviews before taking the tests. Test questions will also come from the assigned activities and movies you are assigned to view. **By the way, you can look at any information you want when you take the tests – they're open book!**

(3) ACTIVITIES - There will be several activities assigned this semester. Each activity can be found at our class homepage, under the unit it pertains to. There is a short video for each activity explaining how to complete the activity.

(4) FORUM - We will have a forum, "Getting to Know You," which will be an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to our class and get to know your classmates. Responding to the forum is graded and required.

Resources: For each of the of the five units, I have linked some resources, which are links to sites that provide additional information about the topics covered in each of the units. Take a look – you may find some of them very interesting!

Absentee Policy: For the purposes of this internet class, an absence will be recorded if a student fails to send in any of the required work by its due date. You are allowed two absences. The third time a student fails to send in work on time, the student will be dropped from the course. These three failures to complete work by due dates do not have to be consecutive.

Make-up Policy: If a student fails to take the Mid-Term Exam by its deadline, they will have one week to take the make-up and the time allowed for the make-up will be **60 minutes**. The Final Exam cannot be taken late. There will be no credit given for late activities. In fact, the links for the activities close after their due dates. You know at the beginning of the semester what work is required and what the due dates are. Plan accordingly.

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Academic Dishonesty Policy: Academic Integrity Statement: 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”. The policy applies campus wide, including 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 <http://texarkanacollege.edu>.

Special Announcement: Any student who has difficulty affording groceries or accessing enough food to eat every day, or who lacks a safe and stable place to live and believes this may affect their performance in this course or ability to remain in school, is urged to contact Tonja Blasé, Director of Student Disability Services, at 903-823-3349 for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so. This will enable them to provide any resources that they may possess.

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