

The University of Texas at El Paso
Syllabus
Family Violence
WS 3321/19063
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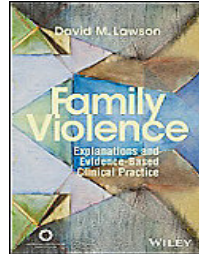
Class Time & Place: Online

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

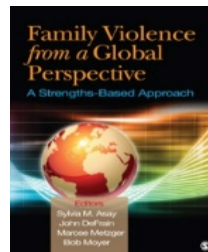
This course offers a multidisciplinary inquiry on family violence. Family violence is a leading cause of death, disability, and health care use in the United States as well as in other countries. Family violence is a complex problem. This course combines scholarship from different disciplines: sociology, social work, criminal justice, and public health to enable students deepen their understanding of the complexities of family violence in local, national, and global contexts. This course will cover the epidemiology of family violence, its history, types of family violence, global perspective, and different strategies and models for intervention and prevention.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

- ❖ Lawson, D. M. (2013). *Family Violence: Explanations and evidence-based clinical practice*. Alexandria, Virginia: American Counseling Association. ISBN: 978-1-55620-317-6



- ❖ Asay, S. M., DeFrain, J., Netzger, M., & Moyer, B. (Eds.). (2014). *Family violence from a global perspective: A strengths-based approach*. Los Angeles, California: Sage Publications. ISBN: 978-1-4129-9933



- ❖ Other Course materials/ additional readings will be posted on Blackboard

OBJECTIVES:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Comprehend estimates of prevalence and types of family violence;
2. Understand controversies/challenges in the field of family violence;
3. Examine family violence patterns from a cross-cultural, global perspective;
4. Explore strategies and models of intervention and prevention;
5. Apply interdisciplinary methods and practices in class assignments;
6. Know the personal and social consequences of family violence;

7. Understand how women and children have been particularly affected by family violence;
8. Engage in critical thinking and writing skills.

CLASS FORMAT:

This course is **NOT** self-paced. Instead, it is based on weekly modules that open each Sunday at 12:00 noon and close the following Saturday at midnight (Mountain Standard Time). If students fail to submit any required work before the module closes, they will receive a grade of zero (0) for that assignment. There are no exceptions. Because this is an online course, it is common to get behind and, if you do, it may be difficult if not impossible to catch back up. Again, once the modules close, there is no way to go back and submit work you failed to complete.

Students will be able to communicate with me to ask questions, share concerns, raise ideas, via email or phone, or face-to-face during my office hours and by appointment. I am also available for SKYPE meetings. I will check my email twice daily, Monday through Friday. Please use webmail email for all communication (mkhatib@utep.edu). **In the subject line of all emails, please include the course title and your first and last name.** I will respond within 24 hours to emails sent from Monday morning through Friday afternoon. During university holidays and weekends, I am not available via email. Email is the best way to reach me!

Email Protocol: When emailing me please sign your full name at the end of each email so that I know who you are. Please provide the class information (Title & CRN) and the topic or question in the email's subject line. When emailing a file, label your document with your last name and a short title.

COURSE ASSESSMENT:

- **Journals:** 10 % (two journals; 5 points each)
- **Discussion posts:** 45 % (3 points per 3 weekly discussion entries)
- **Quizzes:** 20 % (4 quizzes; 5% each)
- **Final Exam:** 20%
- **Presentation:** 5 %

Journals: Students need to submit two journals. Each journal will be an academic and personal reaction to the question (s) based on a provided article or video. Journal must be one page, single-spaced. Please use 1-inch margins on the top,

bottom, and sides. The first word in every paragraph should be indented one half inch. Use Times New Roman font, size 12, and APA citation format.

Discussion Posts:

- 1) **Discussion Forum** (3 points for each week's entries for a total of 45 points: 1 point for initial post that you have to submit by Wednesday before midnight (Mountain Standard Time) and 2 points for responses to two different peers' initial posts that are due each Saturday at 11pm (Mountain Standard Time).

You are expected to participate in the weekly discussion boards as follows:

- a. You must have one initial post of 100-150 words that makes an original statement and follows all discussion prompt guidelines for that module.
- b. In addition, you must respond to at least two different classmates' initial Postings (75-100 words).

Quizzes:

Every three- 4 weeks you will be given a quiz. There will be five multiple-choice questions in each quiz. Each question is worth one point for a total of 5 points. Questions will be based on the readings. Students will have 10-15 minutes to complete the quiz.

Final Exam:

Final exam is comprehensive. You will have 40 multiple choice questions based on all the readings/materials covered in the course. Each question is worth 0.5 point.

Presentation:

PowerPoint or Prezi Presentation

Students will research further and prepare a PowerPoint or Prezi presentation of **substance** with narrative, effects, graphics, multi-media, etc., about the selected and approved topic. The presentation must include important and significant information about the topic and will be submitted for sharing with classmates. You can start working on this assignment early on in the semester. The link for submission will be available from September 10 to December 6. You can submit your presentation anytime during these dates. Please remember to get your topic approved before you begin working on the presentation.

Make sure your presentation includes the following elements:

- Author's name, course, date
- Agenda / overview
- Attention grabber (question, short video, brief story, etc...)
- Visual Aid
- Statistical information
- In-text citations (APA format)
- Conclusion
- Recommendations
- References (APA format)

Possible presentation topics, but not limited to these topics:

- Prevention campaigns
- Types of abuse and its impact on women and children
- International comparisons on family violence prevalence and intervention /prevention (choose two countries)
- A selected Belief system and family violence
- Comparison between intervention and prevention models nationally or internationally
- Myth and realities about family violence

Late Work

I do not accept late work. Please remember that all deadlines are based on Mountain Time, always and without exception.

Exception to the above-stated policy is only made under these circumstances: (1) a medical emergency requiring hospitalization, (2) jury duty or (3) official UTEP business such as athletics, debating team, or band. Documented proof of official UTEP business or jury duty must be provided ten calendar days before the fact; documented proof of hospitalization must be provided one day after discharge. **Your instructor can drop you for lack of effort. Your professor can drop you with a “W” only before the dropping deadline.**

Grading Scale:

Grades earned on each assignment/test will be added together in a corresponding percentage value and divided by the total number of points possible in the course.

Below is the overall point scale for the course. The passing grade for this course is a D. Total Points possible for the term= 100

90-100= A

70-79 = C

0-59 = F

80-89 = B

60-69 = D

My Commitments to You as a Professor

I am committed to each of the following:

- I will respond promptly to email as outlined at the beginning of this syllabus;
- I will give you clear, written guidelines and expectations for each assignment well in advance of its due date;
- I will give you prompt feedback on all graded work;
- I will make available to you feedback on your current grade upon request;
- I will work to ensure a safe e-learning environment for all students;
- If I have to make changes to the syllabus or assignments, I will communicate these to you as soon as possible.
- I will work to make learning in this course both fun and challenging by making frequent use of real life examples to simplify and clarify abstract concepts.

What I expect from you:

- Be fully engaged with the course subject matter and with peers and instructor;
- Follow the Syllabus and Course Calendar and complete all assignments by the due dates;
- Check school email regularly for course messages and announcements;
- Participate fully in online discussion boards with substantial input and responses;
- Remain respectful and open minded to the material, to me, and to your peers, and follow (n)etiquette guidelines;
- Ask questions, seek clarifications on materials, or course subject.

Note: If you have a question about technical problems (i.e., your computer, problems submitting an assignment, browser issues, internet connection issues) please contact Tech Support or the UTEP Help Desk as outlined on the first page of this syllabus. Please note that I am neither qualified nor able to

help you with these issues. For all other questions, please contact me and I will respond within 24 hours on weekdays. For emails sent on the weekends or holidays, I will respond first thing on Monday or the next business day.

CLASS AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES:

Academic Dishonesty Statement:

(From the Handbook of Operating Procedures: Student Affairs)

Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is considered a violation of the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) Handbook of Operating Procedures. It includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student, possessing unauthorized materials during a test, or falsifying research data on laboratory reports. Plagiarism occurs when someone intentionally or knowingly represents the words or ideas of another person's as ones' own. In addition, collusion involves collaborating with another person to commit any academically dishonest act. Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Violations will be taken seriously and will be referred to the Dean of Students Office for possible disciplinary action. Students may be suspended or expelled from UTEP for such actions.

- Notice of Safe Assign: This course will utilize third party software that has the ability to automatically detect plagiarism on documents submitted for grading.
- Copyright Notice: copyright law protects many of the materials that are posted within this course. These materials are only for the use of students enrolled in this course and only for the purpose of this course. They may not be further retained or disseminated.

Students with Disabilities

Individuals with disabilities have the right to equal access and opportunity. In support of this endeavor, **Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at UTEP** provides needed accommodation to those who believe or suspect a disability and need assistance in their pursuit of higher education including the opportunity to participate and benefit from all University sponsored programs, social activities and events. CASS ensures that reasonable accommodations and services are afforded to students with disabilities such that they have equal opportunities to achieve their academic and

professional goals. CASS staff serves as liaisons between students and faculty, administrators, and outside agencies.

CASS at UTEP

Phone: (915) 747-5148

Union Building East Room 106

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TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:

I **will not** provide any technical assistance. Rather, you should familiarize yourself with the assistance available to you whenever you have problems. You should also ensure that you have the appropriate hardware and software.

- Technical Assistance: Please see the "Tech Support" link in the left side menu of Blackboard.
- Hardware Requirements: Please see the "Getting Started" link in the left side menu of Blackboard.
- Software Requirements: Please see the "Getting Started" link in the left side menu of Blackboard. For UTEP Technical Support:

Phone: 915-747-5257

Email: Helpdesk@Utep.Edu

Distance Learners: 1-866-747-5256

Location: Library Room 300

IMPRORTANT DATES

August 27..... Fall Classes Begin
September 3.....Labor Day Holiday- no classes
November 2..... Drop/Withdrawal deadline
November 22-23.....Thanksgiving Holiday – no classes
December 6.....Fall- Last day of classes
December 7..... Dead Day
December 10-14.....Final Exams
December 19.....Grades are posted to student records; students are notified of grades and academic standing

TENATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK	TOPIC	READING	Assignments/exam
1	Introductions	Syllabus	Post your short bio with a photo (Discussion Forum 1)
2	Family Violence, Explanations & Models	Lawson's Book: Ch. 1 & 2	(Discussion Forum 2)
3	Culture & Cultural Competence; Male-on-Female Intimacy Violence	Lawson's book: Ch. 3 & 4	Quiz 1 (Discussion Forum 3)
4	Female-on Male Intimacy Violence; Same-Sex intimate partner violence	Lawson's book: Ch.5 & 6	(Discussion Forum 4)
5	Assessment of intimate violent offenders; Treatment of violent offenders	Lawson's book: Ch. 7 & 8	Quiz 2 Journal One (Discussion Forum 5)
6	Assessment & Treatment of Adult Victims; Dating Violence	Lawson's book: Ch. 9 & 10	Discussion post 3 (Discussion Forum 6)
7	Child maltreatment, treatment; and elder abuse	Lawson's book: Ch. 11,12,&13	(Discussion Forum 7)
8	Family violence from a global perspective; Domestic violence in Africa: Botswana & Kenya	Asay's book: ch. 1 , 2, & 3	Quiz 3; submit presentation topic (Discussion Forum 8)
9	Family violence in Asia: China, India, & South Korea	Asay's book: ch. 4, 5, & 6	(Discussion Forum 9)
10	Family violence in Europe: Greece, Moldova, & Russia	Asay's book: ch. 7, 8, & 9	Journal Two (Discussion Forum 10)
11	Family violence in Latin America: Brazil & Mexico	Asay's book: ch. 10 & 11	Quiz 4 (Discussion Forum 11)
12	Family violence in the Middle East: Israel & Palestine	Asay's book: ch. 10 & 11	(Discussion Forum 12)
13	Family violence in North America: Canada & the United States	Asay's book: ch. 13 & 14	(Discussion Forum 13)
14	Family violence in Oceania: Australia & New Zealand	Asay's book: ch. 15 & 16	(Discussion Forum 14)
15	Presentation	PowerPoint/Prezi	Submit by Dec. 6 (Discussion Forum 15)
16	Final Exam	Comprehensive	Dec. 10-14