The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)  
Syllabus  
Family Violence  
WS 5390/19066  
Fall, 2018

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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:


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.
9. Be able to produce graduate level written work

CLASS FORMAT:

This course is NOT self-paced. Instead, it is based on weekly readings and assignments. Most of the assigned work will be submitted on Blackboard. You will have access for each week module on Sunday at 12:00 noon and it will 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. When you fall behind with the assigned work, it may become 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.

Attendance is mandatory since it is very pivotal for your learning progress. 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. Documentary proof of official UTEP business or jury duty must be provided ten calendar days before the fact; documentary proof of hospitalization must be provided on the day you return to class. You will receive an “F” after three unexcused absences or for lack of effort.

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**: 8% (4 quizzes; 2% each)
- **Final Exam**: 12%
- **Presentation/Lecture**: 5%
- **Research Paper**: 10%
- **Book Review**: 10%

**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

You are expected to teach a class. You need to select a date and prepare a PowerPoint or Prezi presentation to cover the assigned material for the date you picked. The presentation must include important and significant information about the topic and have additional resources. Please make sure to design the lecture in a way that engages classmates and provide a dynamic that enables each student safe and encouraged to participate. You need to have your lecture materials (presentation, activities, assessment, etc…) ready one week before. Please send them to me for review and feedback.

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
Research Paper:

I highly recommend consulting the writing center in the library for this element of the assignment.

Pick a topic from the course content. Investigate the topic in depth and provide a formal ten-page paper. The goal of this paper is for you to become familiar with the research, intervention and prevention approaches that relate to your topic. Your paper should consult at least twelve professional resources (peer-reviewed articles/books, etc…).

Length and elements: The paper length will be ten pages maximum (do not go over the page limit), double-spaced (this does not include your title page, abstract, or references page). Please use Times New Roman, 12-point font size, and APA citation style (in-text and reference page).

You must include a cover sheet with the title of your paper and your name. After the cover page (but before the body of the paper) you must include an abstract, which is a brief, comprehensive summary of the paper, no longer than 120 words. Finally, references should be listed on a separate page after the body of the paper. Margins should be no wider than 1". Please number your pages.

Possible research paper 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)
- Belief systems and family violence
- Comparison between intervention and prevention models nationally or internationally
- Myth and realities about family violence
Book Review:


Late Work

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

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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

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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 one's 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
Tecnology 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  
  Distance Learners: 1-866-747-5256  
  Email: Helpdesk@Utep.Edu  
  Location: Library Room 300

Important 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.
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