

The University of Texas at El Paso  
Syllabus  
Family Violence  
WS 3321/17613  
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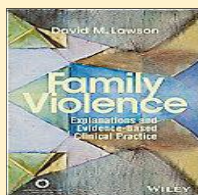
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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

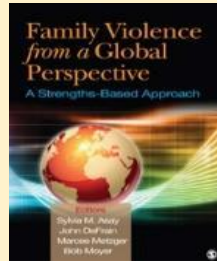
This course offers a multidisciplinary inquiry on family violence. Family violence is a leading cause of death, disability, and health care use in the United States as well as in other countries. Family violence is a complex problem. This course combines scholarship from different disciplines: sociology, 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:**

- ❖ 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 provided through 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. Engage in feminist praxis to address and challenge gender inequities through education, organization, outreach, internships, volunteering, service learning, and community engagement through partnership and leadership opportunities (**WGS**);
4. Examine family violence patterns from a cross-cultural, global perspective;
5. Explore strategies and models of intervention and prevention;
6. Apply interdisciplinary methods and practices in class assignments;
7. Know the personal and social consequences of family violence;
8. Understand how women and children have been particularly affected by family violence;
9. Engage in critical thinking and writing skills and service learning (**UTEP Edge Advantages**)

## 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](mailto: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:**

- **Response Paper or Court Observation:** 10 % (two response papers; 5 points each **OR** five court observations; 2 points each)
- **Discussion posts:** 45 % (3 points per 3 weekly discussion entries)
- **Quizzes:** 20 % (4 quizzes; 5% each)
- **Final Exam:** 20%
- **Presentation:** 5 %

**Response Paper:** Students need to submit two response papers. Each paper will be an academic and personal reaction to the question (s)/ prompt based on a provided article or video. Response paper must be two pages (400-500 words), double-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 Arial theme font, 12-point font size, and APA citation format.

### **OR**

**Court Observation:** This is an alternative for response papers. You need to do five court observations and submit one final reflection paper. Before considering this option, please review the requirements/ guidelines listed below:

1. You live in this region (El Paso, Las Cruces, or Juarez)
2. Complete the mandatory training
3. Obtain an observation worksheet
4. Look up the Family Court Docket
5. Decide which cases you are interested in observing
6. Go to the Court House at 500 E. San Antonio
7. Complete (to the best of your ability) the observation worksheet.
8. You are NOT expected to say anything, only to witness. Please refrain from offering unsolicited advice.
9. Reflect on what you observed (more instructions will be provided on Blackboard)

### **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 Sunday before midnight (Mountain Standard Time).

### **You are expected to participate in the weekly discussion forums as follows:**

- a. You must have one initial post of 150-200 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 (100-150 words each).

### **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.

### **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. If you are planning to submit before the due date or earlier during the semester, you need to get your topic approved at least two weeks before you submit your 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.**

**Written Assignments:**

Turning in a bad paper for an F or inadequate assignments are still far better than not turning it in and earning a zero. Examples of paper and discussion grading scales would be:

- "A" paper: well-written and organized, has a substantial and interesting thesis, demonstrates strong argumentation, is well backed by the proper use of evidence, gets facts right, and displays originality of thought and interpretation. An "A" is earned in discussion by demonstrating knowledge of the assigned materials and substantial thought about those materials, and by interacting productively on postings with the thoughts, ideas and questions of one's classmates.
- "B" paper: lacking in one or two of the qualities above: perhaps it is well-written and organized, displays originality of thought, and uses good evidence, but does not have very strong argumentation. A "B" is earned in discussion by demonstrating a good knowledge of the assigned materials, and by interacting productively with the ideas of one's classmates.

- "C" paper: fulfills the assigned task, but may have problems with writing and organization, or may be lacking in evidence. A "C" is earned in discussion by participating productively even while showing that one has not read or viewed assigned materials thoroughly.
- "D" paper: partially fulfills the assigned task, but has substantial problems, such as the lack of a thesis, or poor writing and organization. There may be an opportunity for re-writing the paper that earns a "D", if the paper is submitted prior to the final due date and at my discretion. A "D" is earned in discussion failing to post several required assignments or responding to peer comments.
- "F" paper: does not fulfill the assigned task. There may be an opportunity for re-writing a paper that earns an "F", if the paper is submitted prior to the final due date and at my discretion. Absence from discussion earns a grade of zero. An "F" in discussion is earned in failing to post most assignments timely or not responding to peer comments.

**Keep copies of all submitted assignments until grades are posted.**

### 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**

<b>90-100= A</b>	<b>70-79 = C</b>	<b>0-59 = F</b>
<b>80-89 = B</b>	<b>60-69 = D</b>	

[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.

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 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](mailto:Helpdesk@Utep.Edu)

Distance Learners: 1-866-747-5256

Location: Library Room 300

**Important Dates**

<b>Aug 26th</b>	Fall classes begin
<b>Aug 26-30th</b>	Late Registration Period
<b>Sept 2nd</b>	Labor Day Holiday- University Closed
<b>Sept 11th</b>	Fall Census Day Note: This is the last day to register for classes. If payment is not received by this day, students will be dropped.
<b>Sept 23rd</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Class Day Note: Students who were given a payment deadline extension will be dropped at 5:00 pm if payment arrangements have not been made
<b>Nov 1st</b>	Fall Drop/Withdrawal Deadline Note: Student-initiated drops are permitted after this date, but the student is not guaranteed a grade of W. The faculty member of record will issue a grade of either W or F.
<b>Nov 28-29th</b>	Thanksgiving Holiday - University Closed
<b>Dec 5th</b>	Fall - last day of classes
<b>Dec 6th</b>	Dead Day



Dec 9-13th	Fall Final Exams
Dec 19th	Grades are posted to student records; students are notified of grades and academic standing

## TENATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

❖ Calendar is subject to change. Updates will be posted in the announcement section on Blackboard.

WEEK	TOPIC	READING	Assignments/exam
1	Introductions	Syllabus	Post your short bio (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 Response Paper One/ Observation Sheets (at least 2) (Discussion Forum 5)
6	Assessment & Treatment of Adult Victims; Dating Violence	Lawson's book: Ch. 9 & 10	(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	Response Paper Two/ Court Observation sheets & reflection paper (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 May 9 at 11:00 pm

			(Discussion Forum 15)
16	Final Exam	Comprehensive	December 9 at midnight

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