

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SYLLABUS

SOCIO 2315: Sociology of Marriage and Family

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Required Text

The Family: Diversity, Inequality, and Social Change 3rd edition by Philip N. Cohen

Course Summary

In this course you will learn about the meaning and purpose of marriage and family relationships from a variety of perspectives. We will review a variety of topics such as marriage, courtship, social interaction within the family, communication within couples, and more. This course examines marriage and family life with an emphasis on healthy marital and family patterns. We will also review relevant theory and research and you will explore how a resilient marriage and family may be formed and maintained. Your responsibilities in completing this course are stated below. Please read carefully.

- It is very important that you log into Blackboard weekly! I will post updates on Monday so I recommend logging in every Monday afternoon. Make sure you avoid using Internet explorer or Safari for a better connection.
- I will post announcements weekly! Make sure to read them. This will always be the first page when you enter blackboard. I will inform you of what you need to complete for that week, what you should be reading, and if any changes are made. Read the announcements before emailing me with questions!
- All assignments are to be completed on black board. DO NOT email me assignments I will not grade them.
- NO LATE WORK.

Course Requirements

ASSIGNMENTS	TOTAL POINTS
Unit Discussions	325
Unit Assignments	200
Unit Check-ins	300
Marriage Interview Final	100
TOTAL	925

1. Unit Discussions (25 each)

Every week you will be required to participate on a discussion board. In order to receive full credit, you will be required to answer questions in your own words in an acceptable level of quality and reply to two responses from your classmates. You will have to create a new thread and answer the questions before being able to view other classmate responses. There will be a total of 13 discussions. **You MUST include IN TEXT CITATIONS (APA FORMAT) for full credit, and respond to two people. Include your references for every discussion post. Make sure to have at least ONE reference for YOUR post.**

You must respond to two people. Your response should include more than "I agree" or "that is a great point." Include your thoughts, opinions, questions, or argument in your replies. You do not need citations for your responses to other people.

-7 points if in text citations are not included

- 10 if you don't respond to two people's discussions.

2. Unit Check-Ins (50 points)

Unit check ins are short quizzes to check your knowledge of the chapters being covered. All questions will be multiple-choice.

3. Unit Assignments (100 points)

There will be a total of two unit assignments. They will require that you apply your knowledge of what you are learning. Unit Assignments must follow APA format: 12 size font, Times New Roman, double-spaced, and APA Citations! You must include in text citations for full credit or 30 points will be deducted automatically.

4. Marriage Interview Assignment (100 points)

You will conduct an interview of a married couple, a couple that has been married, or a couple that has been living together and has kids. You must interview both members. This can be any

family members or friends but you CAN NOT interview yourself. **Things that you want to consider for your interviews: their definition of marriage, history of the relationship (dating, marriage, family), struggles, hopes, joys, challenges, lessons from being married, and advice.** You must connect what you learned from that couple to what you have been reading in this course! This is very important! Reflection Papers should be at least 2-3 pages in length PLUS you must include the questions you asked during the interview at the end on a separate page WITHOUT the responses. INCLUDE IN TEXT Citations. The interview questions should not be included as part of the length requirement; they are an addition. Make sure to tell me their story, what you learned and how this might influence your views on marriage.

<u>Grade Letter</u>		<u>Grade Points</u>
A	100-89	925-823
B	88-79	822-730
C	78-69	729-638
D	68-59	637-546
F	58-below	545-below

Academic Integrity

Students must put in time and effort if you expect a high grade in this class. Keeping up with readings is essential to the success of this course. Students must present their own effort in all assignments and exams. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Respect your work and the work of others by referencing their work when used. Make sure to follow all guidelines for writing assignments and other assignments or you will lose points. Completing the length of your papers is very important and not completing the required length will result in a lower grade. Meeting deadlines for all assignments is a requirement to this course and very few exceptions will be made. Treat each other with respect at all times.

Late work

Late work is unacceptable. The only exception to late work is in case of an emergency and you must provide documentation. I suggest printing the class schedule so that you can keep track of the due dates for all assignments. I will send out weekly emails/announcements to remind you of what we will be doing for the week.

Technical Problems

I recommend NOT using Internet explorer or Safari when using blackboard for better internet connection use Google chrome or Firefox. Call the HELP DESK if you have any technical problems.

Drop Rule

If you make the decision to drop the course, it is your responsibility to do so. I will not drop the course for you. Failure to do so may result in a grade of “F” on the student’s academic record. Students are limited to a six course drop during their academic career. There are a few exceptions that may allow a student to drop a course without having it counted toward the six-drop limit. For more information on that check the UTEP’s academic website.

Note: If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass. CASS’ Staff are the only individuals who can validate and if need to be, authorize accommodations for students with disabilities.

Course Schedule

WEEKS	READINGS AND ASSIGNMENTS	DUE DATES
WEEK 1	Review Syllabus & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #1 • Syllabus Check In 	September 2, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 2	Chapter 1: A Sociology of the Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #2 	September 9, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 3	Chapter 2: The Family in History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #3 • Unit Check In #1 	September 16, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 4	Chapter 3: Race, Ethnicity, Immigration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #4 	September 23, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 5	Chapter 4: Families and Social Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #5 • Unit Check In #2 	September 30, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 6	Chapter 5: Gender <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #6 	October 7, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 7	Chapter 6: Sexuality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #7 • Unit Check In #3 	October 14, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 8	*** Unit Assignment #1 ****	October 21, 2023 by 12:00 AM

WEEK 9	Chapter 7: Love and Romantic Relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #8 	October 28, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 10	Chapter 8: Marriage and Cohabitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #9 • Unit Check In #4 	November 4, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 11	Chapter 9: Families and Children **** Unit Assignment #2 ***	November 11, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 12	Chapter 10: Divorce, Remarriage, and Blended Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #10 	November 18, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 13	Chapter 11: Work and Families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discusssion #11 • Unit Check In #5 	November 25, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 14	Chapter 12: Family Violence and Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #12 	December 2, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 15	Chapter 13: The Future Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion #13 • Unit Check In #6 	December 9, 2023 by 12:00 AM
WEEK 16	***** FINAL MARRIAGE INTERVIEW WRITING ASSIGNMENT *****	December 13, 2023 by 12:00 AM