

MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

COURSE OUTLINE

DEPT. SOC

COURSE NUMBER: 2210

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 OJT 0

Course Title:

Marriage and the Family

Catalog Description:

Marriage and the Family reviews historical and cultural perspectives of American family systems. Assesses the current ideals, functions, stresses and trends of the family. Topics include courtship, factors associated with marital success, roles and role expectations, statuses, alternatives to traditional systems, communication, marital dissolution and cross-cultural patterns.
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Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:

STSK 0095 or placement by multiple measures.
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FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (*Leave blank if not applicable*)

Goal 5: History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences: X by meeting the following competencies:

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientist use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

Goal 7: Human Diversity: X by meeting the following competencies:

1. Understand the development of and the changing meanings of group identities in the United States history and culture
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the individual and institutional dynamics of unequal power relations between groups in contemporary society.
3. Analyze their own attitudes, behaviors, concepts, and beliefs regarding diversity, racism, and bigotry.
4. Describe and discuss the experience and contributions of many groups that shape American society and culture, in particular those groups that have suffered discrimination and exclusion.
5. Demonstrate communication skills necessary for living and working effectively in a society with great population diversity.

Topics to be Covered

Marriage and Family in America

Diversity in Families

Gender Roles

Sexuality

Getting Involved

Falling in Love

Selecting a Life Partner

Getting Married

The Challenge of Communication

Power and Conflict in Marriage

Work and Home

Becoming a Parent

Family Crises

Separation and Divorce

Remarriage and Step-Families

Remarriage and Step-Families

Student Learning Outcomes

Identify issues facing families

Distinguish outcomes for children when parent role is not fulfilled.

Identify connections to family from society.

Recognize the role of family in society.

List challenges in mate selection.

Is this course part of a transfer pathway: Yes No

***If yes, please list the competencies below**

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