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.

Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:
STSK 0095 or placement by multiple measures.

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
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### 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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