

I. COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Sociology 121 Marriage and Family Relations
- B. 3 credit hours
- C. Ciabattari, Teresa. *Sociology of Families: Change, Continuity, and Diversity*. California: Sage Publications, 2017
- D. Prerequisites: None
- E. KRSN: SOC 2020 Marriage and Family

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the family as a social institution shaped by internal roles and relationships as well as by external forces specific to the society in which it is situated. Students will study the family from a sociological perspective with an emphasis on social science research and theories from the field of family studies.

III. LEARNING OUTCOMES

- A. Summarize historical, social, and cultural forces that shape contemporary families
- B. Examine the social processes in familial and intimate relationships
- C. Analyze diverse intimate relationships and family structures
- D. Critically analyze family issues utilizing evidence-based research and theoretical perspectives

IV. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- A. A new look at familiar worlds
- B. Individuals and relationships
- C. Defining marriage and family
- D. Experiencing family commitment
- E. Family change, crises, and resilience

I. ASSIGNMENTS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Discussion forums
- B. Reading assignments
- C. Research project
- D. Quizzes and exams

II. EVALUATION METHODS (may include but are not limited to)

- A. Discussion forums
- B. Reading assignments
- C. Exams
- D. Research project