Instructor Information

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Class Meeting time and place: Online

Attendance Policy: Students should spend at least four hours a day navigating the course, reading lecture notes and other materials, and interacting through email and assigned blog assignments

Face-to-face O/hours: M through TR: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM; F by appt. @ LAN 335

TEXTBOOK (required):


A copy of this textbook is available on reserve in the SFA Library.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Dating, mate selection, sexual adjustment, communication, in-laws, parenthood, divorce, and remarriage.

The course is modular and lecture materials are organized to correspond with book chapters. Additional readings and important Web links are posted for each chapter. Interactive Blogs will also be used throughout the semester. Program and student learning outcomes for this course follow.

*Sociology program learning outcomes include the following:

1. The student will be able to identify, compare, and contrast sociological classical and contemporary theories.
2. The student will be able to identify the principles of good social scientific research design. Such principles include validity, reliability, precision in measurement, and sampling methodology.
3. The student will possess sociological knowledge as evidenced by the identification of the major concepts involved with social stratification, demography, race and ethnic relations, deviance, and globalization.
4. The student will be able to apply sociological knowledge and skills to a variety of settings.
5. The student will recognize the implicit assumptions behind claims of knowledge about the social world, will be able to evaluate and distinguish between strong and weak arguments, and will be able to draw conclusions from a set of premises.
6. The student will be able to read theoretical arguments and to identify their major strengths and weaknesses.
7. The student will be able to analyze a data set using statistical techniques and draw conclusions from the results.

*Student learning outcomes for this course include the following:

1. Students will compare and contrast theories associated with marriage and family dynamics and conflicts.
2. Students will be able to define family and differentiate between traditional family structures and non-traditional family structures.
3. Students will list the different ways in which gender inequality manifests itself within American families.
4. Students will compare family within the context of different ethnic groups in American society.
5. Students will be able to identify some of the changing images and roles of contemporary mothers and fathers.
6. Students will describe ways in which parents pass on gender stereotypes to their children.
7. Students will learn about techniques that are used to measure fertility rates in contemporary societies.
8. Students will identify signs of an abusive relationship.
9. Students will discuss how family violence negatively affects children.
10. Students will discuss ways in which battered families can be helped through community outreach programs.

**GOAL:**

The goal of this course is to enrich student understanding of the interactions between gender and family. It is impossible to understand one without understanding the other. In this course we will give equal weight to both gender issues and family issues simultaneously. A secondary goal is to provide an online environment that is dynamic and facilitates learning on several different levels to include student to content, student to student, and student to instructor communication. Students will gain first-hand experience in an online learning environment. I will do my best to provide prompt responses to your questions via email and scheduled office hours during this summer semester. Generally, I respond to questions within 24 hours. Make sure you refer to the course calendar that is attached to this syllabus. There is also a calendar in grid form in Getting Started in D2L. Students in this class are expected to meet deadlines for blogs and tests.

**COURSE ASSESSMENT:**

Each student will be assessed on the following items: quizzes and blogs. Each quiz consists of multiple-choice questions and short essay questions. Quizzes are worth 100 points and will cover material covered in your readings for each Learning Module. These tests are not open book. You will be on the honor system during this semester. Once you access a quiz you must complete it within one hour and 15 minutes. You cannot get out of the quiz and try to go back in. The system will not allow that. You must carve out time at a secure computer to take your quizzes. All quizzes, including the final are due on Thursday August 15 @ 5:00 PM. Be advised that when the 5:00 hour arrives – the tests all close. If you want
the full time to complete your tests, be sure to access a full hour and 15 minutes beforehand. I will probably give additional time on the final exam since there will be an additional essay question. I will also give you an extra credit opportunity for five additional points. That will be in your drop box.

Regarding blog assignments, those dates are not flexible so be sure and complete each of those on the dates listed in your course calendar(s).

**GRADING RUBRIC**

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**Grading Scale (based on total accumulation of points)**

495 - 550 = A; 440 - 494 = B; 385 - 439 = C; 330 - 384 = D; F < 330

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Participants in this course will adhere to the SFA Academic Integrity Policy (A-9.1). Details of the policy are described online at http://www.sfasu.edu/upp/pap/academic_affairs/academic_integrity.html.

**DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATIONS:** Check with the Office of Disability Services to determine any necessary course adaptations or accommodations. Please make an appointment with me via email during the first week of class to discuss your needed accommodations. “The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Office of Disability Services, Human Services Building, Room 325, Voice: 936-468-3004, TDD: 936-468-1004; FAX: 936-468-1368 or online at http://www/sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/index.htm.”

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)**

Please copy and paste the following information regarding Withheld Grades into your syllabus. Add additional information as needed to meet your departmental or course needs.

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.
**DISCLAIMER:** This syllabus represents a “best” plan for the course; but, as with most plans, it is subject to change. Any changes will be announced by email or chat. Refer to the timeline for a calendar of dates and times that are important to know for this course. Your course calendar is listed below.

### Course Calendar

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| July 16, 2019   | **Module One** | Read Learning Module One  
Read Chapters 1, 2, 3 & 4 of your text |
| July 19, 2019   |            | **Quiz 1**  
*Quiz opens @ 8:00 AM (Friday)  
You will have one hour and 15 minutes to complete the quiz when you access it.*  
*Quiz closes @ 5:00 PM on Thursday August 15, 2019* |
| July 22, 2019   | **Module Two** | Read Learning Module Two  
Read Chapters 5, 6 & 7 of your text |
| July 26, 2019   |            | **Quiz 2**  
*Quiz 2 opens @ 8:00 AM (Friday)  
You will have one hour and 15 minutes to complete the quiz when you access it.*  
*Quiz 2 closes @ 5:00 PM on Thursday August 9, 2019* |
| July 28, 2019   |            | **Blog 1 due @ 10:00 PM (Sunday)** |
| August 1, 2019  | **Module Three** | Read Learning Module Three  
Read Chapters 8, 9 & 10 of your text |
| August 5, 2019  | **Module Four** | Read Learning Module Four  
Read Chapters 11 & 12 of your text |
| August 9, 2019  |            | **Quiz 4** |

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Quiz 4 opens @ 8:00 AM (Friday)
You will have one hour to and 15 minutes to complete the quiz when you access it

August 11, 2019

Blog 2 due @ 10:00 PM (Sunday)

August 11, 2019

Quiz 4 closes @ 5:00 PM on Thursday August 15, 2019

August 12, 2019

Module Five
Read Learning Module Five
Read Chapters 13, 14 & 15 of your text

August 12, 2019

Final* opens 8:00 AM (Monday)

August 15, 2019

Final closes @ 5:00 PM (Thursday)

FINAL COVERS CHAPTERS 13, 14 & 15 + LEARNING MODULE FIVE