SOC 3315-10
The Family
Course Syllabus
CRN 12551
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Angelo State University

Tuesday, Thursday 12:30P.M.-1:45P.M.
Academic Building Room 213

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Monday (virtual) 9:00A.M-12:00P.M.
Tuesday 204A 9:00-9:30A.M.; 10:45-11:00A.M.; 12:15-12:30P.M.; 2:00-2:30P.M.
Wednesday (virtual) 8:00-12:00P.M.; Or by Appointment
Thursday 204A 9:00-9:30A.M.; 10:45-11:00A.M.; 12:15-12:30P.M.; 2:00-2:30P.M.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course will provide a general understanding to the social aspects of the family and its related components including marriage, divorce and parenting.

The course begins Monday, August 27, and ends on Friday, December 14, 2018.

You must read the textbook. Not only will it help guide you through the course, it will provide essential tools in study and preparation.

The following computer and technology skills are required (for submitting reflection papers):

- Computer with MAC or Windows Operating System
- High Speed Internet Access
- Microsoft Office Word and Power Point
- High Speed Internet Connection
- Explorer 7 or later or Firefox 3.0 or later (MAC users must have Safari or later or Firefox 3.0 or later

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Our objectives in this course include, but are not limited to:

- To communicate the various sociological perspectives on the family.
- Perfect the skills needed to read, write and think critically and analytically about complex issues involving the family.
• Develop the ability to identify, define, and investigate the family and to propose ways of improving family involvement and relationships.

REQUIRED TEXT:

GRADE CRITERIA:
The course grade will be based on the following weights:

• Examinations: 50%
• Reflection Paper/Writing Assignment: 25%
• In Class Quizzes: 25%

EXAMINATIONS (4) 50%: There will be four exams during this semester: Exam 1 (Chapters 1-3, 50 questions; 100 points possible); Exam 2 (Chapter 4-6, 50 questions); 100 points possible); Exam 3 (Chapter 7-9, 50 questions; 100 points possible); Exam 4, Final-50 questions; 100 points possible). 50%.

Exams will be given in class; no outside materials are allowed (textbook, notes, reviews, etc.)

REFLECTION ASSIGNMENTS (3) 25%: The reflection paper requirements and topics can be found on Blackboard, and are worth 100 points possible; 25%. Papers are to be submitted through Blackboard.

CHAPTER QUIZZES (10) 25%: After each chapter lecture, a ten-question quiz will be given over the material. Quizzes will be worth 100 points; 25%.

INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY
It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required.

POLICY ON MAKE-UP WORK
Examinations for un-excused absences will not be made up. Excused absences can warrant a make-up exam, only if scheduled by professor ahead of time.

STUDENT ABSENCE FOR OBSERVANCE OF RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS
“A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence.” Please see ASU Operating Policy 10.19.

Note: The last day to withdraw from this class with a “W” is Thursday, November 1, 2018.

ACADEMIC HONESTY
Academic honesty is expected on all work. Students are expected to maintain complete
honesty and integrity in their online experiences. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work adhere to the academic honesty statement as set forth in the Angelo State University Student Handbook (2011-2012) http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/17358-university-honor-code. The University "faculty expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experience both in and out of the classroom setting and may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials."

**STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

1. “Angelo State University is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), and subsequent legislation.”

2. The Office of Student Affairs is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting the Office of Student Affairs, University Center, Room 112 at (325) 942-2047 or (325) 942-2211 (TDD/FAX) or by e-mail at studentservices@angelo.edu to begin the process. The Office of Student Affairs will establish the particular documentation requirements necessary for the various types of disabilities.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students determined to be disabled or who have documented disabilities.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**Dates/Reading/Topic**

| Aug. 28, 30 | Module #1 | Course Syllabus/Course Introduction/Navigating Blackboard:
Chapter 1: Why Study Families and Other Close Relationships? |
| Sept. 4, 6 | Module #1 (Continued) | Chapter 1 Continued: Chapter 1 Quiz
Chapter 2: Social Status: Sex, Gender, Race, Ethnicity & Social Class. |
| Sept. 11, 13 | Module #1(Continued) | Chapter 2 Continued: Chapter 2 Quiz
Chapter 3:Building Relationships. |
<p>| | Reflection Assignment #1 Due 11:59PM, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018. |</p>
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<td>Chapter 10: Families and the Work They Do; Chapter 10 Quiz</td>
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<td>Final Examinations; TBA</td>
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*This schedule is subject to change, and it is the student’s responsibility to check Blackboard frequently and be aware of changes or additions to the course itinerary.*