

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRIEF SYLLABUS

SPECIAL NOTE:

This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):

Please check with the LCC bookstore <http://www.labette.edu/bookstore> for the required texts for this class.

<u>COURSE NUMBER:</u>	SOCI 201
<u>COURSE TITLE:</u>	MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
<u>SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS:</u>	3
<u>DEPARTMENT:</u>	Sociology
<u>DIVISION:</u>	General Education
<u>PLACEMENT TEST LEVEL:</u>	General Education Course Placement
<u>PREREQUISITE:</u>	None
<u>REVISION DATE:</u>	October 2013

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Marriage, family, and alternative lifestyles are closely examined from a sociological and theoretical perspective. Discussion will focus on how relationships and gender roles have changed; attitudes and decision-making in regard to sexuality; and changes in the marital relationship across time.

COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Understand the foundations of marriage and family.

- Define family and family structure.
- Interpret what family values means today.
- Explain the theoretical perspectives of the family.
- Compare and contrast the families of today with those of the past.

2. Understand the foundations of individuals in developing relationships.

- Examine gender roles and socialization.
- Interpret theoretical explanations of gender and human sexuality
- Explain love in relationship to caring, intimacy, and commitment.

- Examine sexuality and human development
- Compare and contrast sexual expression throughout life.

3. Understand the foundations of individual and marital commitments.

- Explain aspects of dating and mate selection.
- Compare and contrast singlehood, cohabitation, and non-marital living arrangements
- Investigate marriage and communication in intimate relationships.
- Examine how marriages change throughout the life cycle.

4. Understand the commitments involved in parenting and family.

- Explain the advantages and disadvantages of remaining child-free, postponing parenthood, and the one-child family.
- Compare and contrast the prospects and pitfalls of raising children.
- Examine the diversity, strengths, and stresses of different racial and ethnic families.

5. Understand the conflicts and crises that occur in families.

- Explain the effects of the workplace and economic squeezes on the family.
- Examine family violence and other crisis-related issues.
- Interpret the consequences of separation and divorce.

6. Understand the changes and transitions that occur in families.

- Examine life after divorce in relation to remarriage and stepfamilies.
- Interpret the consequences of aging on family life in relation to grandparents, widowers, and caregivers.
- Examine problems facing the family in the 21st century.