

North Central **Michigan College**

NCMC CURRICULUM/COURSE OUTLINE FOR YEARS: 2001-2003

DIVISION/AREA:

DEPARTMENT: Sociology

AREA DEAN: Timothy Dykstra, Ph.D.

ORIGINATOR: Linnenberg

TOTAL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION: 3 Lecture: 3 Lab: Total Contact Hours: 48

COURSE NUMBER: SOC 271

CREDIT HOURS: 3

COURSE TITLE: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE(S)/ADVISORY:

An introductory course in Sociology is recommended before taking Soc. 271

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course is a sociological analysis of marriage and the family as a social institution. Family and marriage as institutions have been shaped by many aspects of society, as a social system within its own dynamics, and as a primary group affecting the lives of its members. Emphasis is on issues such as choosing a marriage partner, sexual adjustment, occupational involvement, conflict resolution, parenthood, divorce, and readjustment.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES OR OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Think critically and analytically, write and speak effectively, and independently acquire knowledge.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES:

By the end of the course, it is hoped that the students will:

1. have gained a better understanding of the dynamics of relationships
2. appreciate the wide variations of role available to contemporary men and women
3. have developed understanding in the ways to resolve conflict and to express legitimate needs

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: Lecture, discussion, small group collaboration

COURSE TITLE AND NUMBER: MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY SOC 271

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Group Presentation 20%
Participation/Reading Journals 20%
Term Paper 30%
Three Exams 30%

REQUIRED TEXTS: (Representative List)

Knox, David and Caroline Schacht

1994 Choices in Relationships: An Introduction to Marriage and the Family. Fourth Edition.
West Publishing Company, Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Optional supplementary Materials:

Will be distributed by the instructor

Reasonable accommodations may be provided for students with documented physical, sensory, cognitive, systemic, and/or psychiatric disabilities. Please contact the Education Opportunity Program (EOP) at (231) 348-6687 to arrange services for this course.

TIME ALLOWANCE AND SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION:

Week 1-Introduction
Week 2-Choices in Marriage and the Family
Week 3-Gender Roles
Week 4-Love Relationships
Week 5-Sexual Values and Behaviors
Week 6-Dating and Mate Selection
Week 7-Living Together
Week 8-Lifestyle Alternatives
Week 9-Marriage Relationships
Week 10-Communication and Conflict
Week 11-Sexuality in Relationships
Week 12-Work, Leisure, and Relationships
Week 13-Violence and Abuse in Relationships
Week 14-Planning Children and Birth Control
Week 15-Becoming a Parent
Week 16-Divorce and Widowhood

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