COLLIN COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Information

Course Number: SOCI 2301

Course Title: Marriage and the Family

Course Description: Sociological and theoretical analysis of the structures and functions of the family, the varied cultural patterns of the American family, and the relationships that exist among the individuals within the family, as well as the relationships that exist between the family and other institutions in society.

Course Credit Hours: 3
Lecture Hours: 3

Prerequisite: Meet TSI college-readiness standard for Reading and Writing; or equivalent

Student Learning Outcomes:

- **State Mandated Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
  1. Demonstrate understanding of the family and marriage as social institutions through theoretical perspectives.
  2. Examine the diversity and complexity of contemporary families.
  3. Explore changing cultural attitudes about marriage and alternatives to marriage.
  4. Critically evaluate such issues as sexuality, partner choice, resolving marital issues, having and raising children, and combining work with family.
  5. Demonstrate understanding of the relationship between theories and research methods used in the scientific study of marriage and family.
  6. Describe some of the historical changes and current trends regarding the structural nature of the American family including the role of gender in relationships.
  7. Identify causes and consequences of relevant problems within contemporary families.

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