

Northwest Arkansas Community College

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Discipline Code

SOCI

Course Number

2043

Course Title

Marriage and Family

Catalog Description

An analysis of dating, marriage and parenthood patterns with emphasis on the contemporary American family.

Prerequisites

None

Credit hours

3

Contact hours

3

Load hours

3

Target Audience

SOCI 2043 is an introduction to the sociology of marriage and family for general interest or for interested students from a variety of disciplines. Applies toward a general education requirements for baccalaureate degree granted by state funded colleges and universities. This transfers to four- year institutions.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of these courses, students should be able to:

- Define marriage and family.
- Discuss the impact of the “information age” (cell phones, video games, computers, the internet) on intimate relationships.
- Evaluate whether courtship (dating) is necessary in relationships.
- Compare and contrast the “golden age” of the 1950s using “Father Knows Best” “Leave it to Beaver” to the family of Dr. Huxtable.
- Compare the position of women before the industrial revolution to now.
- Discuss whether cohabitation prevents divorce and whether it should be encouraged.
- Outline the pros and cons of “arranged marriages”
- Apply sociological theory of the marriage and family

Topics

- Human intimacy, American ways of love, Gender Convergence, Communications in intimate
- Relationships, Dating, Single Life and Mate selection
- Marriage, Intimacy, Expectations, and the Fully Functioning Person, Human Sexuality, Family
- Planning, the Challenge of Parenthood, Family Life Stages
- The Importance of Making Sound, the Dual- Worker Family, Family Crises
- The Dissolution of Marriage, Remarriage, Family law