

WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
Phoenix Campus
School of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, lifelong learning, and service to God and humankind.

PSYC 3321 Marriage and the Family (JUAD/SOCI 3321)

TERM: Fall Term August 17th thru October 31st 2009

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Office Hours: Dr. Fidler can be contacted any time during the semester either by phone or email.

Class Time and Location: Class will meet at Central Park Forest. There will be three meeting periods during the semester. Our first meeting time will be Friday August 21st from 5:30PM to 9:40PM and Saturday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Our second period will take place on Friday September 21st at 5:30PM till 9:40PM and Saturday from 8:00AM till 4:00PM and our final meeting time will be Friday October 9th at 5:30PM till 9:40PM and Saturday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM.

Catalog Description: Examination of the family as a social institution; comparative analysis of kinship systems; and recent changes in American family structure.

There is no prerequisite for this course

Textbook: Family Therapy: An Overview, Goldberg, Herbert, Goldberg, Irene, Seventh Edition, Thomson, Brooks/Cole Publishing.

Course outcome competencies:

- Identify and define choices made in dating, marriage and family relationships
 - Classroom discussion and exercises
 - Exams
- Analyze critical issues that are currently impacting the American family structure
 - Common essay questions
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 - Written project
 - Classroom discussion
- Discuss the diverse family structures and how they affects American social institutions
 - Classroom discussion
 - Common essay questions
- Communicate in writing from sociological, criminal justice or psychological perspectives the aspects of family life.
 - Written project
 - Common essay questions

Attendance: Students enrolled at one of the University's external campuses should make every effort to attend all class meetings. All absences must be explained to the instructor, who will then determine whether the omitted work may be made up. When a student reaches that number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will so advise the student and file an unsatisfactory progress report with the campus dean. Any student who misses 25 percent or more of the regularly scheduled class meetings may receive a grade of F in the course. Additional attendance policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the University's attendance policy.

Additional attendance policies: <<Fill in>>

Service for the Disabled: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291- 3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

Course requirements: Each student will be required to provide a reaction paper for each reading assignment of no less than 200 words. Your reaction papers should reflect critical thinking. What is the author saying and is the author doing it well or poorly in your opinion? Does the writing stimulate any creative thoughts in you? What's missing in the writing? It is important as developing professionals you be able to read and see the flaws or the beauty in what has been written instead of just agreeing because the author is and "expert." Secondly each student will be required to respond to Discussion Board questions and attend all required classroom meetings. Finally there will be a 10 page research paper due with no less than 10 references and will be due by the end of the semester.

Method of determining course grade:

Each reaction paper will be worth 5 points for a total of 50 points

Discussion Board Questions will be worth 5 points for a total of 40 points

Classroom attendance and participation will be worth 10 points per classroom meeting for a total of 30 points.

Research Paper will be worth a total of 80 points.

The University has a standard grade scale:

A = 200-185, B = 184-169, C = 168-153, D = 152-137, F= below 137, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student's control. A grade of "incomplete" is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long (10 to 15 weeks) term, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion. If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

Instructor's policy on Academic Dishonesty: Academic Dishonesty will not be tolerated. If a student engages in Academic Dishonesty they will be terminated from class and referred to the Dean of Schools for further review. Also a grade of incomplete can be given when a student experiences an emergency that does not allow them to finish their work by the end of the semester. However, the student must be passing the course at the time of the incomplete. If approved a period of time will be given to the student after the semester has concluded to finish the work. A second extension cannot be given.

Tentative Schedule:

Week I Reaction Paper due for Chapter 1

Week II Reaction Paper due for Chapters 2&3

Week III Reaction Paper due for Chapters 4&5

Week IV Reaction Paper due for Chapters 6&7

Week V Reaction Paper due for Chapters 8&9

Week VI Reaction Paper due for Chapters 10&11

Week VII Reaction Paper due for Chapters 12&13

Week VIII Reaction Paper due for Chapters 14&15

Week IX Reaction Paper due for Chapters 16&17

Week X Reaction Paper due for Chapter 18

Week XI Research Paper Due