

Sociology of Marriage and the Family
SOCI/WMGS 210
Department of Sociology



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Course Description

Through your readings, lectures, and classroom discussions, we will consider the many social processes and institutions that influence the choices and constraints influencing our personal and family lives. Your assignments involve using sociological theories, research, and insights to examine the everyday world of “marriage,” family and the personal life.

Course Readings

The course readings are available on Moodle (pdfs). Because the readings are available in digital format, use of laptops in class is permitted. If laptops are misused or prove to be a distraction, we will discuss our options, including banning their use in class.

Optional reference book

Johnson, W., R. Retting, G. Scott and S. Garrison. 2010. *The Sociology Student Writer’s Manual*. 6th ed. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall. [Available at the Campus Store]

Class absences and participation

You are required to attend and participate in class. Should you miss class you are responsible to find out what was you missed (e.g., lectures, announcements, videos, presentations). If you wish to notify me about a class absence, please do so through the Dean’s Office or in person rather than by email. Please turn cell phones off and put them away during class.

Term papers

There is a fall term assignment and a winter research term paper. Instructions for the fall term paper will be introduced in class (and posted on Moodle) on September 13; instructions for the winter term paper will be introduced and posted on January 6.

Evaluation

October exam	10%	October 16
Fall term assignment	15%	November 1 – beginning of class
December exam	20%	
Winter term paper	25%	February 15 – beginning of class
April examination	30%	