

OSS023 – MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Credit Hour Recommendation: 3 Semester Hours
Prerequisite: None
Related TAG: Sociology
General Course Description: Analysis of the socio-historical evolution of families through the utilization of major theoretical frameworks (Functionalism, Conflict, and Symbolic Interactionism). Examines the diversity of family forms and processes in contemporary society and explores the connections between families and other social institutions. Assessment of families as agents of socialization and as potential sites of social problems (violence and/or crisis).
A minimum of 70% of the Student Learning Outcomes must be met including the essential learning outcomes marked with an asterisk (*).
Students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of:
1. The major theoretical perspectives as they relate to marriage and the family, including Functionalism, Conflict Theory, and Symbolic Interactionism.*
2. The socio-historical evolution of family forms and processes contributing to change in form over time.
3. The interaction between family and other social institutions such as the workplace, education, religion and media.
4. The causes and consequences of diversity in family form such as cohabitation, marriage, child-bearing, divorce, and remarriage.*
5. The causes and consequences of family violence and/or crisis.
6. The role of family and family practices in child socialization.
7. Causes and consequences of the social meanings given to gender and sexual orientation in families.*
8. The role of social structure, governmental policy, and systems of inequality on family form and dynamics.*

**SOCIOLOGY TAG: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY TAG COURSE
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