



HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE NAME: Sociology of the Family

COURSE NUMBER: SOC* 210

CREDITS: 3 credit hours

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: A study of the family using sociological analysis to better understand the most basic of institutions and its interdependence with other social institutions. Emphasis upon family life cycle, gender roles, alternative life styles, and the impact of social change.

PREREQUISITES: SOC* 101 or permission of instructor

General Education Competencies Satisfied:

HCC General Education Requirement Designated Competency Attribute Code(s):

SOCX **Social Phenomena Knowledge & Understanding I**
(within the fields of anthropology, psychology or sociology)

Discipline-Specific Attribute Code(s):

BHEL **Behavioral Science elective**

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

General Education Goals and Outcomes:

Social Phenomena Knowledge & Understanding I and II: Students will develop an increased understanding of the influences that shape a person's, or group's attitudes, beliefs, emotions, symbols, and actions, and how these systems of influence are created, maintained, and altered by individual, familial, group, situational, or cultural means.

COURSE SPECIFIC OUTCOMES

- 1) Demonstrate knowledge of the sociological perspective on marriage and the family in the United States and other societies.
- 2) Demonstrate an understanding of how history, society, economics, politics, and culture has impacted the field of sociology of the family
- 3) Demonstrate familiarity with major theorists in the field of sociology of the family
- 4) Develop the ability to make informed judgments concerning ethical issues related to sociology of the family

- 5) Demonstrate an understanding of how life and ethical choices influence development prior to, during, and after changes in family status
- 6) Develop an understanding of family issues related to diversity within and across cultures
- 7) Demonstrate an understanding of how sociology of the family applies to one's own life

COURSE CONTENT:

1. Disciplinary and Theoretical Approaches to Family Study
2. Sociological Analysis of the Modern Family
3. The Life Cycle of the Family in the U.S.
4. Cross-Cultural Comparisons

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