



Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education

Representing Alabama's Public Two-Year College System

Jefferson State Community College

SOC 247 Marriage and the Family

**I. SOC 247 – Marriage and the Family - 3 Semester Hours
(3 Lec hours)**

II. Course Description

This course is a sociological study of family structures and families living in modern society. It covers preparation for marriage, as well as sociological, psychological, biological and financial factors relevant to success in marriage and family life. The history and changes in the institution of marriage are traced.

III. Prerequisite

SOC 200

IV. Textbook

Coontz, Stephanie. Marriage, A History. Penguin Publishing (2005).
ISBN: 0-14-303667-X

V. Evaluation and Assessment

Group and individual presentations
Written tests
Written reports
Term papers

Grades will be given based upon A = 90 – 100%, B = 80 – 89%, C = 70 – 79%, D = 60 – 69%,
and F = below 60%.

VI. General Course Competencies

1. The student will demonstrate knowledge of the family as a social institution from a cross cultural and historical perspective.
2. The student will demonstrate understanding of the structure and function of contemporary families from various subcultures in the United States.
3. The student will demonstrate knowledge of new issues confronting the contemporary American family.

VII. Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered. Students who are unable to attend class regularly, regardless of the reason or circumstance, should withdraw from that class before poor attendance interferes with the student's ability to achieve the objectives required in the course. Withdrawal from class can affect eligibility for federal financial aid.

VIII. Statement on Discrimination/Harassment

The College and the Alabama State Board of Education are committed to providing both employment and educational environments free of harassment or discrimination related to an individual's race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, or disability. Such harassment is a violation of State Board of Education policy. Any practice or behavior that constitutes harassment or discrimination will not be tolerated.

IX. Americans with Disabilities

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 state that qualified students with disabilities who meet the essential functions and academic requirements are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide appropriate disability documentation to the College. The ADA Accommodations office is located in FSC 300 (205-856-7731).