

Department of Consumer and Family Sciences
Family Relations
CFS 311-700

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Text: Strong, B., Devault, C. & Cohen, T. F. (2005). *The marriage & family experience: Intimate relationships in a changing society* (11th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomason Learning.

Note: You may order your books on-line from WKU's Bookstore at www.bookstore.wku.edu or by phone at 1-800-444-5155 or 270-745-2466

Course Description

Study of issues affecting individual and family well-being. Interpersonal relationships and communication skills necessary to achieve quality of life are addressed.

THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE COURSE AT HER DISCRETION, BUT ONLY WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

Course Policies

Class Participation: Class attendance is impossible to take in an online course, but active participation is important. Class participation through discussion boards is an important part of the learning experience and an integral part of the course. Guidelines for completing discussion boards are available in the "[assignment folder](#)".

Student Participation: You are responsible for all notes, handouts, and material presented online. All assignments are due at the designated time. Assignments will always be due at midnight (central time) on the designated day. Late work will be deducted 10 points for each day that it is late. THERE WILL BE NO WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE ABOUT WHICH ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE. IT IS YOUR JOB TO READ AND FOLLOW THE COURSE OUTLINE. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

Americans with Disabilities Act Policy: It is the policy of Western Kentucky University to afford equal opportunity in education to qualified students. If you have a disability that may prevent you from meeting course requirements, contact the instructor immediately to file a student disability statement and to develop an accommodation plan. Students with disabilities who require accommodations for the course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services. Please do not request accommodations directly from the instructor without a letter from the OFSDS.

Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism, or using the work of another person and submitting it as your own, is strictly forbidden. This will conclude in an "F" for the course and report of the offense.

Course Requirements

All students are required to complete the following:

1. Discussion Boards

Discussion boards will be posted for each section. Your participation will be paramount in order to earn participation points. The amount of points you earn will be determined by the amount of thought you put into your responses. Guidelines will be posted in the **"Assignments Folder"**.

2. Assignments

Three assignments will be made throughout the semester. All assignments will be posted by Monday morning of the week that they are due. The assignment will be located in the **"Assignments Folder"**. Every assignment will be due by Saturday at midnight (central time) of the corresponding week. **All assignments will be typed, 12pt., double-spaced and in Microsoft Word. All assignments will be turned in TO INSTRUCTOR'S EMAIL.**

3. Exams

Three exams will be administered during the semester during the weeks designated on the outline. Exams are online. **You will have one opportunity to take the exam. It will be available from Monday at 6:00am-Wednesday at midnight of the exam week, including finals week.** They will each be objective and cover only the chapters covered during that time, including the final exam. No cumulative exam will be given during the semester. Make up exams must be approved through the instructor prior to the exam time period. If an emergency occurs, e-mail or call the instructor.

Course Evaluation

3 exams at 100 points each

300 points total

Assignments x 3

75 points total

Discussion Board Assignments x3

75 points total

Total

450 points

Grading Criteria

90-100% A

80-89% B

70-79% C

60-69% D

59 or below F

Class Outline

January 24-29

Chapter 1 & 2

Discussion Board #1

January 31-February 5

Chapter 3

February 7-12

Chapter 4

Assignment #1

February 14-19

Chapter 5

February 21-26

Exam I

Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

February 28-March 5

Chapter 6

March 7-12

Spring Break NO CLASS

March 14-19

Chapter 7

Discussion Board #2

March 21-26

Chapters 8 & 9

Assignment #2

March 28-April 2

Exam II

Chapters 6, 7, 8, & 9

April 4-9

Chapter 10

April 11-16

Chapter 11

Discussion Board #3

April 18-23

Chapters 12 & 13

April 25-30

Chapter 14

Assignment #3

May 2-7

Final Exam

Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14