FCS 2400 Modern Family (3 cr.)

*BF – this course fulfills a Social/Behavioral Science Exploration requirement

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Required Text: Lamanna, M.A., Riedmann, A. Marriages, Families, and Relationships: Making Choices in a Diverse Society. [CURRENT EDITION] Cengage Learning.

Course Learning Objective:
The primary goal of this course is to introduce students to family studies. This course emphasizes theory and research on family demography, union formation, marriage, parenting, post-parental families, non-traditional families, and family problems. This course will encourage you to critically examine both your personal experiences and the empirical literature on family studies. This course will also encourage you to participate in activities that will facilitate a greater understanding of family relationships across the life course.

In other words, have you ever wondered…

Why is "family" becoming more difficult to define in our postmodern society?
Is the family unit declining or just changing?
How are current social trends affecting families?
How do social constraints shape men and women's choices?
Does marriage increase happiness and life satisfaction?
Why are there such strong social pressures to have children?
What are the costs and benefits of having children?
What are the costs and benefits of remaining child-free?
How do families juggle employment and family life?
How can we have better communication in a relationship?

We will answer all of these (and many more!) questions in our class.

Typical On-campus Class Requirements:

1. Class Participation and Attendance	20%
2. Group Activity	20%
3. Book Report	20%
4. Midterm Evaluation	20%
5. Final Evaluation	20%

Typical Online Class Requirements:

1. Weekly Discussion Posts	20%
2. Weekly Quizzes	20%
3. Book Report	20%
4. Midterm Evaluation	20%
5. Final Evaluation	20%