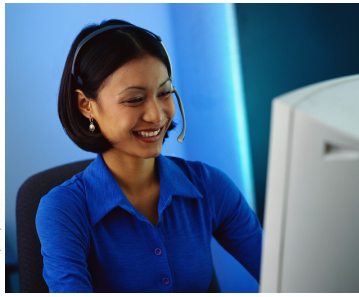




Most observers agree that the social institution of marriage is substantially weaker than it was a half-century ago.



FCS 2400

Family Studies Across the Life Course

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Course Text: Cherlin, Andrew. Public and Private Families. McGraw Hill Publishing Co.

Course Goal:

- To encourage students to consider the extent to which our own family experiences are related to larger social forces such as gender, race and ethnicity, social class, and changes in cultural attitudes.

Course Requirements:

- Exams: There will be three exams in this course. They will be a mixture of multiple choice and short answer.
- Class Participation: I look forward to seeing you! Even though this is a large class, we still manage to have great discussions.

COURSE TOPICS

- METHODS AND PERSPECTIVES RELEVANT TO STUDYING FAMILIES
- HISTORICAL PATTERNS IN FAMILY LIFE
- GENDER AND FAMILY
- SOCIAL CLASS: IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S. FAMILIES
- HOW DO RACE, ETHNICITY, AND RACISM AFFECT FAMILY LIFE?
- LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS
- COHABITATION AND MARRIAGE
- WORK AND FAMILY
- VIOLENCE IN FAMILIES
- DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE
- CHILDREN AND PARENTS
- THE ELDERLY AND THEIR FAMILIES
- FAMILIES AND SOCIAL POLICY

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