

SOC 220 : Marriage and Family

Credits: 3

Class Hours: 3 lecture

Description: This course explores the family and marriage as key social institutions. The historical development of these institutions is studied, with special emphasis on the personal and social problems of intimate relationships and of modern family life.

Semester Offered: Spring

Designation:

Diversification: Social Sciences — DS

Course Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs):

1. Develop an awareness of the diversity among contemporary families in the United States as well as cross-cultural variations.
2. Define and apply major sociological approaches to issues related to families and relationships, including approaches that focus on a) forms and functions; b) conflict; c) the processes of interaction and negotiation; and d) the importance of gender.
3. Interpret the social, cultural, economic, and political implications of major sociological debates about family life.
4. Identify and describe socially-patterned practices of the typical life course, including childhood, dating, cohabitation, marriage, divorce, parenting, and balancing work and caregiving.