

EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS
FCSC-2131 FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Semester/Year: Fall 2012 **Section:** 40 & 90
Credit Hours: 3
Class Meeting Time: Online
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Office Hours: MWF 10:00-11:00
T 9:30-10:30 am– Virtual Office Hours
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Available via LancerNet or e-mail
(Other times by appointment)

Required Materials:

Welch, K.J.. (2009). Family life now, 2e. New York: McGraw-Hill.
ISBN: 9780205632510

Catalog Course Description:

This course will help the student develop understanding about patterns of interactions at different stages of the family life cycle and transactions between families and other social system.

Rationale:

This course provides a basic overview of current research on family relations, family theory, and family dynamics across the lifespan. The course is intended for those individuals pursuing careers in early childhood education or a related human service field. The focus will be on the understanding of contextual influences on families.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course you should be able to:

1. Apply family theory and terminology and concepts to your own family, and other family situations.
2. Demonstrate an awareness of the role of school, community, societal and cultural influences on families.
3. Think critically about the choices and challenges facing contemporary families.
4. Understand basic concepts for effective work with families.

Attendance Policy:

This class is offered online therefore there will not be any required class meeting dates. However, it is the responsibility of each student to complete and submit assignments on time. Students may choose to withdraw from this class and received no credit with a grade of W on the transcript. Please refer to the EWC catalog for more information regarding the withdraw procedure.

Civility:

Civil behavior enhances the academic setting, and is expected at all times. The academic environment welcomes a difference of opinion, discourse, and debate within a civil environment.

Academic Dishonesty:

Any form of academic dishonesty is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. This includes “plagiarism” – submitting work that is not your own, or failing to give credit to the work of others that you may cite in your own work. Academic dishonesty includes making unauthorized use of answers to exams, quizzes, assignments, homework, as well as copying work from fellow students or submitting work that has been completed by someone else. Students shall complete all assigned work individually unless otherwise indicated by the instructor. Academic dishonesty of any kind shall result in a **score of zero** on the assignment, quiz or exam and may result in withdrawal from the course with a grade of F, as the instructor deems appropriate. In addition, the instructor may refer the student to the appropriate E.W.C. official for further discipline.

Examination Policy:

All quizzes are chapter reading quizzes and are available via LancerNet. Reading quizzes **ARE** open book/open note. Once the deadline has arrived students will not be allowed to re-enter the quiz module and quizzes not completed will be given a grade of **zero**. Students will be given the opportunity to drop two of their lowest reading quiz grades.

Grading Criteria:

Grades will be determined on the basis of the **total points** received on the assignments.

Grades will be assigned as follows

A.....	90-100%
B.....	80-89%
C.....	70-79%
D.....	60-69%
F.....	0-59%
W.....	student withdraws: see the EWC Catalog
X.....	Incomplete : see the EWC Catalog

IMPORTANT NOTE ON LATE WORK - Assignments should be submitted no later than 11:55 PM on the due date. **Late work WILL NOT be accepted. Students will have the option of dropping two of their lowest reading quiz scores as well as one blog grade. Please plan accordingly when considering the course schedule.**

Unless otherwise specified, all assignments must be formatted as follows: 12-point Times New Roman or Arial font, 1 inch margins, double spaced. **All assignments must be submitted as a rich text file (.rtf)**. Please make sure that every assignment submitted contains your name and date submitted. As a college student your submitted work is expected to be scholarly and submitted on time.

Projected Assignments:

1. Reading Quizzes (20 points each)
2. Weekly Discussions and online Assignments (participation points worth 75 points total – total score will be compiled at the end of the semester)
3. Genogram (100 points total)
4. **Common Assessment** - Fictional Family Video Analysis (100 points)

(**Note – Instructor reserves the right to modify the assignments, deadlines, and point values of the course. If this is done, it will never be a disadvantage to you, and you will be notified in writing.)

Americans With Disabilities Education Act:

Eastern Wyoming College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If a student has a disability and desires a reasonable accommodation for the disability, please notify your instructor, Mrs. Debra Ochsner (532-8238) or Tom McDowell (532-8330) as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made.

General Education Requirements:

- **Communication Skills:** Graduates will be able to understand and communicate ideas and information in written and spoken English that reveals a mastery of terminology appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Analytical and Quantitative Reasoning:** Graduates will be able to solve problems through critical thinking involving analytical and quantitative reasoning at a level appropriate to their disciplines.
- **Technology Skills:** Graduates will be able to demonstrate competence using technology appropriate to their discipline.
- **Social Awareness:** Graduates will be able to demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between the individual and the world.
- **Information Literacy:** Graduates will be able to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively.

Disclaimer:

THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT, ACTING WITHIN THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF EWC, TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE COURSE SCHEDULE OR ACTIVITIES. CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS.