

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## WS 320: Sociology of the Family

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

SOC 110 - Introduction to Sociology

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Examines the theoretical issues and research findings pertaining primarily to American family life. Topics include dating and mate selection, alternatives to traditional marriages, marital structure and interaction, and marital dissolution. Same as SOC 320.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 04/26/2005 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Sociology of family theories and research.
2. U.S. family systems and issues.
3. Cross-cultural family systems and issues.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will have the opportunity to learn sociological theories and data related to family.
2. Students will have the opportunity to learn cross-cultural sociological information related to family.
3. Students will have the opportunity to compare cross-cultural family systems to family systems in the United States.
4. Students will present information orally and in writing.
5. Students will work in groups.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted