

Sociology 451
Analysis in Marriage and the Family
Summer (II) 2011 (July 5 – August 12)
Preliminary Syllabus

MTWRF 1200-0115p
WEB 114

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Course description

We will discuss various theories and methods in the study of marriage and the family with emphasis on the concepts of 'public' and 'private' families.

Texts

Cherlin, Andrew. 2009. *Public and Private Families: An Introduction*. 6th edition. McGraw Hill. (Please make sure that you do not buy the 'reader'). I will also distribute additional materials in class.

Requirements

Assigned Readings: You should enter the discussions having read/viewed all the assigned material.

Discussions: You will be expected to contribute well-thought-out questions and responses in the discussions. In addition to in-class discussions, now and then I will post questions for discussions in Laulima.

Quizzes: There will be weekly quizzes covering the topic for that week. Do not miss any quiz because overall quizzes comprise half of your final grade.

Paper: By the end of the second week (**July 15**), you are expected to submit a 1-page proposal for the final paper. The 5-page final paper (in MS-Word format) is due on **August 12** at 11:59 pm **via email**. The main quality that I am looking for is the clarity of your argument.

Grading Policy

The overall grading structure:

Quizzes 5x @10%	50%
Proposal	10%
Paper	30%
Attendance & participation	10%

Preliminary Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Reading
	Introduction	
July 5-6	Public and private families	Chp 1
July 7-8	The history of the family	Chp 2
	Gender, class, and ethnicity	
July 11	Gender and families	Chp 3
July 12-13	Social class and families	Chp 4
July 14	Race, ethnicity, and families	Chp 5
	Sexuality, love, partnership and marriage	
July 15	<i>Quiz # 1, proposal due</i>	
July 18-19	Sexuality and love	Chp 6
July 20-21	Cohabitation and marriage	Chp 7
July 22	<i>Quiz # 2</i>	
July 25	Work and families	Chp 8
	Link across the generations	
July 26	Children and parents	Chp 9
July 27-28	The elderly and their families	Chp 10
July 29	<i>Quiz # 3</i>	
	Conflict, disruption, and reconstruction	
August 1	Domestic violence	Chp 11
August 2-3	Divorce	Chp 12
August 4	Remarriage & step families	Chp 13
August 5	<i>Quiz # 4</i>	
	Family and society	
August 8-9	The family, the state, and social policy	Chp 14
August 10	Social change and families	Chp 15
August 11	Families in Hawaii	TBA
August 12	<i>Quiz # 5, final paper due</i>	

Plagiarism

It is ultimately each student's responsibility to learn about plagiarism and how to avoid it. Ignorance of the rules, saying "I forgot about that" or "I made a mistake," are not considered valid excuses when it comes to plagiarism.

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The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the use, by paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials (E7.208, Pages 4 and 5).

(For the entire Student Conduct Code, see: <http://www.hawaii.edu/apis/ep/e7/e7208.pdf> and

http://studentaffairs.manoa.hawaii.edu/downloads/conduct_code/UHM_Student_Conduct_Code.pdf.)

Important Note

In addition to a paper copy, you must submit an e-copy of your final paper when the papers are due. It is best if your papers are Word documents and you e-mail them as attachments. For accreditation purposes, UH and the Sociology Department must evaluate the effectiveness of our programs, and the e-copy of your papers will be used for that.

Before you send your file, please re-name it to fit with this format: course number, semester, name, and assignment, e.g., 451S11JaneSmithCoursePaper.doc.

KOKUA for Students with Disabilities

Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability is invited to contact me privately. I would be happy to work with you, and the KOKUA Program (Office for Students with Disabilities) to ensure reasonable accommodations in my course. KOKUA can be reached at (808) 956-7511 or (808) 956-7612 (voice/text) in room 013 of the Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services.

Course Evaluations

The Department of Sociology is committed to the continual improvement of the quality of its course offerings. For this to occur, your help as the consumers of these courses is needed. You are taking these courses, and only you can tell us about your educational experience in your classes. Toward the end of the semester, you will be informed that the eCAFE system is available to you to complete your course evaluation. We encourage you to submit your evaluations by logging in to <http://www.hawaii.edu/ecafe/>.

To assure that the process is an open one and that information submitted is available to all (to you, your classmates, current and incoming students, members of the Sociology Department, and others) the evaluation results will be available for viewing at <http://www.hawaii.edu/ecafe/>.