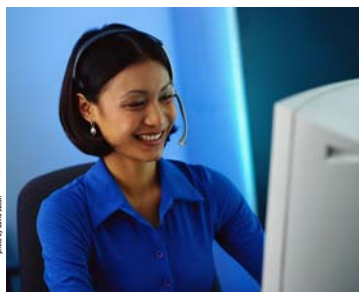




Most observers agree that the social institution of marriage is substantially weaker than it was a half-century ago.



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## FCS 2400

### Family Studies Across the Life Course

# **THIS IS AN ONLINE COURSE!**

Fall 2007

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**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 Text:** Cherlin, Andrew. 2008. Public and Private Families. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. McGraw Hill Publishing Co.

**Course Requirements:**

- **Exams:** There will be up to three tests given during the regular semester. These exams will be arranged through U-online.
- **Other assignments:** There will be some web-based assignments designed to integrate the course material.

### TENTATIVE COURSE TOPICS

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#### **PART ONE: INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY ISSUES**

- Week 1 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FAMILIES
- Week 2 EXPLORING THE FAMILY: FAMILY HISTORY
- Week 3 GENDER AND FAMILIES
- Week 4 SOCIAL CLASS AND FAMILIES
- Week 5 RACE, ETHNICITY, AND FAMILIES

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Test**

#### **PART TWO: MAKING CONNECTIONS**

- Week 6 SEXUALITY AND LOVE /COHABITATION
- Week 7 MARRIAGE
- Week 8 WORK AND FAMILY
- Week 9 CHILDREN AND PARENTS
- Week 10 ELDERLY AND THEIR FAMILIES

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Test**

#### **PART THREE: FAMILY CHALLENGE AND CHANGE**

- Week 11 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- Week 12 DIVORCE
- Week 13 REMARRIAGE
- Week 14 FAMILIES AND SOCIAL POLICY
- Week 15 FAMILIES AND SOCIAL POLICY/FUTURE OF THE FAMILY
- Week 16 FUTURE OF THE FAMILY/COURSE WRAP UP

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Test**