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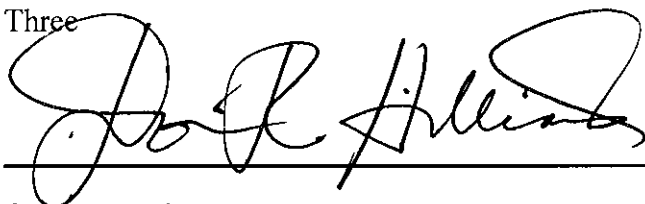
FOR

COURSE NUMBER & NAME: BI 3311 Marriage and Family Relations/SY 3311 Sociological Concepts of the Family

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: A study of mate selection, how to have a successful marriage, and principles of parenting, taught from the Biblical perspective. Major sociological trends and problems that impact marriage and family relations in western society will also be observed.

PREREQUISITES: None

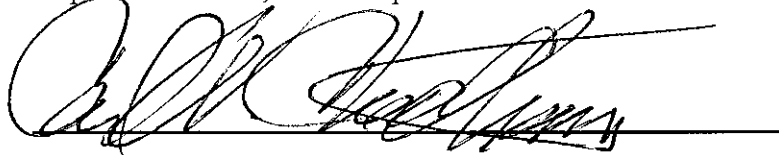
NUMBER HOURS CREDIT: Three



Course Faculty



Department Chair, Bible Department



Dean, College of Biblical Studies

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BI 3311 Marriage and Family Relations/SY 3311 Sociological Concepts of the Family
Bible Department
Donnie R. Hilliard, Ph.D.
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I. THE PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

The purpose of the course is to acquaint the student with what the Bible teaches regarding the origin and purpose of marriage and to study current research that will help the student prepare for a successful marriage.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

- A. To develop an appreciation of the Bible as God's blueprint for marriage.
- B. To learn the meaning and purpose of marriage according to the Bible.
- C. To examine attitudes and attributes that will make one more mature and marriageable.
- D. To become aware of the importance of building a marriage relationship on love and integrity.
- E. To focus on strategies that lead to strong marriages.

III. COURSE PREMISE, PHILOSOPHY, and METHODOLOGY:

Marriage is God's idea. He has provided us His plan for successful marriage in His word. Our primary emphasis in this course will be to better understand God's plan and how that plan translates into daily life. Deciding whom to marry and when to marry have eternal ramifications, so all of us in this class should give proper priority to our study together. We will also consult the latest research findings on why marriages succeed or fail. The instructor will guide the study, but each student will be assigned research that will enable him/her to contribute in an informed way to class discussions. Comments, questions, and helpful ideas from students will be encouraged by the instructor. Open discussions will allow students the opportunity to share; everyone can learn from everyone else.

IV. CONTENT OUTLINE

- A. Introduction and Overview of the Course
- B. Preparation for Marriage: God's Plan
- C. Selection of a Mate
- D. Guest Lecturer: Gary Varner, epidemiologist, University of South Alabama
- E. The Best Available Research/Concepts on Marriage Success
 - 1. Gary Chapman, Ph.D. (The Five Love Languages)
 - 2. John Gottman, Ph.D. (Why Marriages Succeed or Fail)
 - 3. Willard Harley, Ph.D. (His Needs, Her Needs)
 - 4. Nick Stinnett, Ph.D. (Secrets of Strong Families)
- F. Group Projects
- G. Guest Lecturer: David Fletcher, certified instructor, Financial Peace University

V. RESOURCES

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

- A. The Bible (Instructor will use KJV/ASV.)
- B. Stinnett, N., Hilliard, D., and Stinnett, N. (2000) Magnificent Marriage. Montgomery: Pillar Press.
- C. Chapman, G. (2004). The Five Love Languages for Singles. Chicago: Northfield Publishing.

VI. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION

A. FORMAL ASSESSMENT:

1. EXAM 1 (Biblical Text). This exam will cover specified questions taken from the Biblical text study. The format will include short answer, multiple choice, and true-false items.
2. EXAM 2. Included will be questions covering the work of Gary Chapman and Nick Stinnett. The format will include short answer, multiple choice, and true-false items.
3. EXAM 3 (Final). The final exam will be comprehensive and may include short answer, fill-in-the-blank, and essay questions.
4. Group Project. You will work with a small group of fellow students on a parenting project assigned by the instructor. A formal presentation will be made to the class.
5. Book Review. The instructor will provide reflection questions based on readings from The Five Love Languages for Singles by Gary Chapman and Magnificent Marriage by Nick Stinnett. Written responses are to be handed in for a grade which will make up 10% of your Exam 2 score.
6. Participation. If you prepare your assignments, come to class, and show respect for each class activity, you will receive full credit for participation.
7. **EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITY:** Two points will be added to the final average of each student who successfully cares for the class infant overnight. See the instructor for assignment date and care instructions. **This opportunity is available only during September and October on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. This project is optional.**

B. INFORMAL ASSESSMENT:

Attend class.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: After 6 absences, a student will not be eligible for an “A” in the class. After 7 absences, a student will not be eligible for a “B” in the class. The **ONLY** exception to this rule is when a student serves as an official representative of the university (e.g. an athlete in a game). Each of these excused absences must be cleared in advance with the instructor. Bring me a note from your coach or instructor or a copy of your athletic schedule. On the 8th absence, an “F” will be assigned for the course.

The University’s 25% Rule is as follows:

While a student may be excused for a specific test or assignment and offered make-ups for such after approval of the dean, all absences for whatever reason will be counted toward the 25% rule, which requires that a grade penalty of “F” be recorded for any class in which the student’s absences exceed 25% of the total class meetings of the term for that course.

NOTE: This means that on the 8th absence an “F” will be assigned for the course. The official class attendance record will be a sign-in sheet at the front of the class. It is the student’s responsibility to sign in **EACH** class period **BEFORE** class starts. Three tardies equals one absence.

VII. COURSE GRADING:

Determination of the semester grade will be based on the following:

A. Exam 1	25%
B. Exam 2	25%
C. Exam 3 (Final Exam)	25%
D. Group Project	20%
E. Participation	5%

Note: Bring a # 2 pencil to class on exam days. When grades are averaged I will round to the nearest whole number. I will not “give a point” when averaging scores. Make-up exams are available only with permission from the instructor; **no exam will be made up without a legitimate reason for missing the exam.** Make-ups must be taken in my office within a week of the scheduled test date. **Making up missed exams is the responsibility of the student.**

The following scale will be used to determine final grades.

A	90-100	D	60-69
B	80-89	F	Below 60
C	70-79		

VIII. COURSE CALENDAR:

BIBLICAL TEXT

Week 1	Introduction/Memories of Home
Week 2	Titus 2; 1 Corinthians 6; 1 Thessalonians 4; Proverbs 1,5,7
Week 3	Proverbs 31; 1 Thessalonians 2
Week 4	Matthew 19; Deuteronomy 24; Genesis 2; 1 Corinthians 7; Ephesians 5; 1 Peter 3
Week 5	EXAM 1 ; Guest Lecturer

STINNETT/HILLIARD TEXT

Week 6	Experiencing Intimacy – Reading Assignment: pp. 1-9 (Ch. 1) Enhancing Good Communication – Reading Assignment: pp. 11-29 (Ch. 2) Resolving Conflict – Reading Assignment: pp. 31-48 (Ch. 3) Keeping Romance in Your Marriage – Reading Assignment: pp. 49-61 (Ch. 4)
Week 7	Guest Lecturer Navigating Dangerous Waters – Reading Assignment: pp. 81-97 (Ch. 6) How to Affair Proof Your Marriage – Reading Assignment: pp. 110-120 (Ch. 7) Weathering the Storms of Life – Reading Assignment: pp. 121-133 (Ch. 8) Developing a Great Sexual Relationship – Reading Assignment: pp. 135-147 (Ch. 9) Giving the Blessing – Reading Assignment: pp. 177-194 (Ch. 11)

CHAPMAN TEXT

Week 8	The Five Love Languages (Chapman) DVD Chapter 1 (pages 15-21); Chapter 2 (pages 23-32); Chapter 3 (pages 35-56); Chapter 4 (pages 59-74)
Week 9	Chapter 5 (pages 77-90); Chapter 6 (pages 93-104); Chapter 7 (pages 107-124); Chapter 8 (pages 127-138)
Week 10	Chapter 9 (pages 141-159); Chapter 10 (pages 161-175); Chapter 11 (pages 177-195); Chapter 12 (pages 197-212) Chapter 13 (pages 215-227); Chapter 14 (pages 229-239); EXAM 2 (Chapman)
Week 11	John Gottman
Week 12	Willard Harley
Week 13	GROUP PROJECTS: Parenting Skits/Parenting Movie Segments
Week 14	GROUP PROJECTS: Parent Guest Panel/Campus Survey
Week 15	Thanksgiving Holidays
Week 16	Final Exam Review
Week 17	EXAM 3 (Comprehensive Final Exam)

IX. INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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X. ACADEMIC POLICIES

Electronic Devices:

1. The use of electronic devices such as cell phones, computers, PDAs, MP3 players, WiFi, etc., are strictly prohibited during assessments (exams, quizzes, etc.). Laptop computers may be used during instructional time for note taking purposes only.
2. The use of cell phones during the established instructional time for a class is prohibited. Cell phones must be turned off or at least set to silent operation during established instructional time.
3. The use of instant messaging or other textual messaging tools during the established instructional time for a class is prohibited.
4. The use of the camera or imaging function on any device is strictly prohibited due to privacy and safety issues.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2009-2010

August 10-14	Freshman Experience
August 13, 14	Registration for Fall 2009
August 17	Classes begin
August 24	Last day to Add a class
September 7	Labor Day Holiday
October 2	Graduation Application deadline
October 5-10	Mid-Term Exams
November 2-13	Pre-registration for Spring Semester
November 2	Last day to Drop a class with a W
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 7 – 10	Final Exams for Fall semester
December 15	All final grades due by 1 p.m.
Dec. 16 – Jan. 3	Christmas Holidays for faculty/students



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