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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

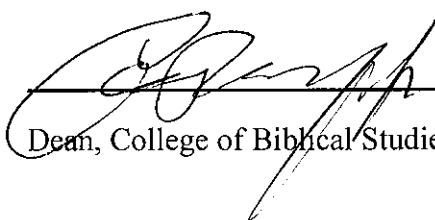
NUMBER HOURS CREDIT: Three



Course Faculty



Department Chair, Bible Department



Dean, College of Biblical Studies

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BI 3311/SY 3311 Marriage and Family Relations
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

Biblical Text/Getting It Right Study Guide

Week 1	Introduction
Week 2	Memories of Home; Titus 2; I Corinthians 6
Week 3	Proverbs 1, 5, 7; Matthew 19
Week 4	Deuteronomy 24; EXAM 1 (Take-Home: Study Guide due)
Week 5	Genesis 2; Psalm 78
Week 6	I Corinthians 6 & 7; Ephesians 5; 1 Peter 3
Week 7	Guest Lecturer; EXAM 2 (Biblical Text)/Mid-Term

Magnificent Marriage

Week 8	Experiencing Intimacy/Enhancing Good Communication
Week 9	LECTURESHIP – No class
Week 10	Resolving Conflict/Keeping Romance In Your Marriage; Guest Lecturer
Week 11	SPRING BREAK
Week 12	Navigating Dangerous Waters/How to Affair Proof Your Marriage
Week 13	Weathering the Storms of Life/ Developing a Great Sexual Relationship/Giving The Blessing; EXAM 3 (Magnificent Marriage)

The Five Love Languages for Singles

Week 14	Gary Chapman
Week 15	John Gottman
Week 16	Willard Harley; Review for final exam

V. RESOURCES

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

- A. The Bible (Instructor will use KJV/ASV.)
- B. Chapman, G. (2004). The Five Love Languages for Singles. Chicago: Northfield Publishing.
- C. Hilliard, D. (2010) Getting It Right the First Time: Preparing For a Magnificent Marriage. Montgomery: Pillar Press.
- D. Stinnett, N., Hilliard, D., and Stinnett, N. (2000). Magnificent Marriage. Montgomery: Pillar Press.

VI. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION

A. FORMAL ASSESSMENT:

1. Keep up with readings in the Getting It Right The First Time Study Guide and the Stinnett and Chapman texts. You are responsible on exams for all material assigned in the readings whether covered in class or not.

2. Pass four exams.

EXAM 1 (Getting It Right the First Time Study Guide): This is a take-home exam. The study guide will be turned in January 28 for an exam grade.

EXAM 2 (Biblical text/Mid-Term): This exam will cover specified questions taken from the biblical text study. The format may include short answer, multiple choice, and true-false items.

EXAM 3 (Magnificent Marriage): This exam will cover the work of Stinnett and Hilliard in Magnificent Marriage. Items may include short answer,

fill-in-the-blank, and essay questions. The Financial Portfolio is to be turned in as part of the exam grade.

EXAM 4 (The Five Love Languages for Singles): This exam will cover the work of Gary Chapman, John Gottman, and Willard Harley. The format may include short answer, multiple choice, and true-false items. A hand-written copy of the study questions is to be turned in as part of the exam grade.

3. Financial Portfolio.

This assignment will be given during week 7 when David Fletcher speaks to the class about successful money management.

Using the Monthly Cash Flow sheets, work out an actual budget. For your annual income figure, go on-line to the website for the Occupational Outlook Handbook. Find your projected occupation's annual wages and use that number. Total each page and transfer the totals to page 3.

After totaling all three pages of expenses, your Grand Total should equal your total Household Income. In other words, when you subtract total expenses from total income, the result should be ZERO. If your expenses do not equal your income, go back and make changes in your budget so you will spend every dollar of your income. Show documentation for each of the following items: (1) Job Income (2) Apartment Rent (3) Renter's Insurance (4) Electricity/Gas (5) Cable (6) Car Payment (7) Car Insurance (8) Disability Insurance (9) Health Insurance (10) Life Insurance. Documentation should include a printout sheet from the internet or a written statement of where you found your information for the above ten items. If you currently live in an apartment, you may use current expenses, but explain that in your documentation section. If you currently own a car and are making payments you may use that number. **I WILL BE LOOKING FOR DOCUMENTATION!**

If an item in the Monthly Cash Flow sheets does not apply to you, simply put NA (not applicable) on that line. For example, you may not have a student loan. In that case, put NA.

Your financial portfolio will consist of (1) a cover sheet (2) Monthly Cash Flow sheets and (3) Documentation sheets. The cover sheet should include the following:

Marriage & Family Financial Portfolio

Submitted in Partial Fulfillment of Requirements
for BI/SY 3311

Submitted by _____

Date

NOTE: Put a staple in the upper left-hand corner of your report and place it in a manila folder. Do not decorate the report with pictures or drawings and do not put it in a fancy folder; I want it in a manila folder. Points will be deducted if you do not follow directions. The portfolio is due the day we have EXAM 3. It will count 20% of the exam grade. Papers not turned in at the beginning of class on the date due (when I call for them) will be penalized 10 points, and 10 points will be deducted for every day thereafter until the paper is submitted to me.

4. EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES.

(a) 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 February, and April on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. This project is optional.**

(b) During the Annual Bible Lectureship program there will be a series of five youth and family ministry lectures held upstairs in the Kearley Resource Center (located in the Bible Building) Tuesday – Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. As many as three extra points (on your final average) will be given for attending as many as three of these lectures and turning in one page of notes for each lecture the Tuesday following the Lectureship. You will also be required to sign in at each youth and family lecture you attend for credit. **NOTE: These two lectures will not count toward credit for regular class attendance, but you may attend two additional youth and family lectures to satisfy the attendance requirement for classes that week.**

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. 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 equal one absence.

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.

SPECIAL LECTURESHIP ATTENDANCE POLICY

In order to receive credit for attendance for two (2) class periods during the Annual Bible Lectureship (March 1-4) you must do the following:

- Attend two daytime or evening Lectures Tues., March 2 through Thurs., March 4.
- Make notes on Lectures. Notes from the chapel lectures that week **will not** count.
- Turn in lecture notes during class the Tues. following the Lectureships, March 9.
- All lecture notes must be stapled, with your name in the top right-hand corner of the first page.
- If notes are not turned in, student will be marked "Absent" in the roll book on day(s) of classes for that week.

VII. COURSE GRADING:

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

A. Exam 1	25%
B. Exam 2 (Mid-Term)	25%
C. Exam 3	25%
D. Exam 4 (Final)	25%

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 will 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:

Weeks 1-6	Study Guide & Biblical Text; EXAM 1 (Study Guide)
Week 7	Guest Lecturer; EXAM 2 (Mid-Term - Biblical Text)
Weeks 8-13	<u>Magnificent Marriage</u> ; EXAM 3 (<u>Magnificent Marriage</u>)
Weeks 14-16	Chapman, Gottman, Harley
Week 17	EXAM 4 (Final)

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.

2010 SPRING ACADEMIC CALENDAR

January 4,5	Registration for Spring semester
January 6	Classes Begin
January 12	Last day to <u>Add classes</u>
January 18	King/Lee Holiday
February 2	Graduation Application deadline
February 15-19	Mid-Term Exams
March 1-4	Annual Bible Lectureship
March 12-23	Pre-registration for Summer & Fall terms
March 15-19	Spring Break
March 22	Last day to <u>Drop a class</u> with a W
March 22-Apr. 2	Pre-registration for Summer and Fall
April 23, 26-28	Final Exams for Spring semester
April 29	Final grades for graduates due
April 30	Annual Graduation Exercises
May 4	All final grades due by 1pm



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