

University of Manitoba

Department of Sociology

SOC 2470 A01 - COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

301 Tier - Slot 9 - T/Th 11:30 - 12:45

Winter 2009 - 3 credit hrs

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REQUIRED TEXT

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Intimate Relationships, Marriages, and Families
McGraw Hill (7th ed) 2008

Readings on Reserve

COURSE OBJECTIVE

This course provides basic sociological information on the choice of partners, marital interaction, adjustment, changing roles of wives and husbands, with special emphasis on division of labour, power relations, and sexual adjustment in contemporary marriages and across cultures. The course will also examine issues such as abuse and violence in marital relations, divorce, and remarriage.

COURSE OUTLINE

I. Introduction

II. Women and Men: Gender Roles in Cross-cultural and Historical Context

- A. Differences
- B. Explanations

Readings:

de Genova
Chapter 3 Gender, Identity and Roles

III. Courtship in Cross-Cultural Context

- A. Factors in mate selection
 1. “Arranged” marriages vs. “Love” marriages
 2. Courtship and emotion
- B. Love

Readings:

- Chapter 5 Attraction and Dating
- Chapter 6 Love and Mate Selection
- Chapter 14 Partents and Extended Family Relationships

- On Reserve S. McDaniel and L. Tepperman
 1. Dating and Mating

IV. Marriage: Structure and Process

- A. Expressiveness
- B. Power, Negotiation, and Conflict

Readings:

- Chapter 8 Marital Relationships over the Family Life Cycle
- Chapter 10 Power, Decision Making, and Communication
- Chapter 7 Qualities of a Successful Marriage
- Chapter 15 Conflict, Family Crisis, and Crisis Management

- On Reserve S. McDaniel and L. Tepperman
 1. Ways of Being Close: Interaction, Communication, Sex, and Trust
 2. Stress and Violence: Unpleasant Realities of Family Life

V. Divorce and Alternatives to Marriage

Readings:

- Chapter 16 The Family and Divorce
- Chapter 17 Coming Together: Remarriage and Step parenting
- Chapter 4 Being Single

- On Reserve S. McDaniel and L. Tepperman
 1. Divorce: Trends, Myths, Children, and Ex-Spouses

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete two term tests and a written assignment. The assignment will involve the integration of basic concepts with everyday life experiences..

Test I	March 3, 2009	40%
Written Assignment	March 26, 2009	40% (Due in class. No exceptions)
Test II	April 2, 2009	20%

TENTATIVE GRADE DISTRIBUTION

A+	=	95 - 100	C+	=	70 - 74
A	=	90 - 94	C	=	60 - 69
B+	=	85 - 89	D	=	50 - 59
B	=	75 - 84	F	=	0 - 49

Student Responsibility and Academic Integrity

Disruptions due to excessive talking or early departures from the classroom are especially distracting in large classes. Please be considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others in the class. Students should be aware that persistent disruption may result in debarment from the course. Any student who has a legitimate reason for leaving class early should inform the instructor at the beginning of class.

NOTE: You must notify me **before** the test if you must be absent and arrange for a re-write. If the reason for your absence is illness, please provide a note from your doctor within two weeks of the missed test. Failure to complete any test or assignment will result in a mark of zero for that test or assignment. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Cheating is a serious offense with grave consequences. Students are advised to acquaint themselves with the University's policy on 'Personation at Examinations' (Section 4.2.8) and "Plagiarism and Cheating" (Section 7.1) found in the *University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar*.

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March 19, 2009 is the final date for Voluntary Withdrawal without academic penalty.

