WHY THIS COURSE IS SO GREAT

Students will learn about many topics relevant to their personal lives and careers. Students will find that the course moves at a rapid yet not overwhelming pace and that a more in-depth understanding of the family will be obtained over a four week period.

TOPICS COVERED

A broad range of topics are covered including dating relationships, single-parent families, co-sleeping, factors that comprise successful romantic relationships, factors that forecast relationship dissolve, divorce and remarriage, familial substance use (e.g., parental alcoholism), domestic violence, health disparities, and the prevention of unintended pregnancy. Students will be presented with findings from national studies as well as those conducted locally in New Mexico.

COURSE DAYS/TIMES/REQUIREMENTS?

Monday - Friday from 9am to 11am during the mini-semester in July

QUOTE FROM THE INSTRUCTOR

Students can gain so much from this class! They will receive the opportunity to learn about important issues confronting families in New Mexico and will be informed of findings from the most rigorous of studies. The biggest reward is developing the ability to think about family and child development in more advanced and scientific ways.

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Marriage and Family Relationships

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Overview of significant research and theories in premarital, marital and family relationships.

This is an introduction level course and students from all educational levels and backgrounds are welcome. The course is intended to provide students with a broad overview of major issues related to marriage and family relationships. At the conclusion of the course, students will be able to demonstrate an ability to identify key issues that confront families today and will understand the pivotal influence that marriage and the family have on children’s psychological and physical health.

THIS COURSE IN THE REAL WORLD

Many past students have used the material to benefit their own relationships and to improve their performance in jobs related to family and child development (e.g., youth services, social work, medicine, education).