

COURSE SYLLABUS

- I. Course Prefix and number Soc ~~210-2~~ 289
- II. Course Title Improving Communication Within the Family
- III. Credit 2 Hours
- IV. Instructor Clarence Parks, Ph.D.
- V. Office Location Es 318
- VI. Office Hours MWF 8:30-10:00
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VIII. Course Description

This is an applied course whose participants implement an effective and non-threatening program designed to increase meaningful communication within their own family or another of their choosing. The program consists of guidelines to good family communication, suggestions on how to implement them, and many activities to illustrate each guideline and stimulate family communication. Individuals and families who experience this course will develop a better understanding of family communications and an appreciation of the improved closeness and mutual support that good family communications bring.

IX. Text

FAMILY CONVERSATIONS by Clarence Parks, Ph.D.

X. Evaluation and Grading Procedure

A. Grade

No "right" answers exist to some of the questions brought up in this course. As a grade must be assigned, however, the following procedure will be utilized.

An "A" will be assigned to a student who provides thorough and thoughtful answers to the final examination questions, returns a completed Study Guide, and has completed at least 26 of the 52 Conversation Exercises (7 from the guidelines and a total of 19 from Sections II and III combined). Lower grades will be assigned to students whose work does not complete these requirements.

XI. Study Guide

A. Along with this syllabus and your text is your Study

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Guide to accompany Family Conversations. It follows the guidelines in Section I and asks questions that will help you think about different issues in communication. Your responses to these questions may come from Family Conversations as well as your own experiences.

B. Examination

Your final examination is your written responses to the final examination questions attached to this syllabus. Note that the last question asks you to relate what you have learned to some outside readings.