

SOC 380 – FAMILY VIOLENCE

SYLLABUS

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COURSE DELIVERY:

Print-Based Correspondence Course

CREDIT HOURS:

Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:

SOC 201: The Sociological Imagination; with a minimum grade of C; or permission of instructor

COURSE MATERIALS:

To order textbooks or obtain information about book titles you may go to www.exstudies.adams.edu and click on the “ASC Bookstore” icon.

Use **Section Number: 1152** to order books from Bookstore site.

Required Textbook:

Wallace, Harvey. *Family Violence: Legal, Medical, and Social Perspectives, 5th edition*. New York: Allyn & Bacon Publishers, 1999.
ISBN: 0-205-57354-1

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course examines violence in the family from sociological and criminological perspectives. It includes the types and causes of violence in families and domestic units, especially those directed against women and children (woman battering, courtship and dating conflict, and child abuse). Throughout the various types of family violence, intervention and prevention measures are examined as well as the social and legal implications of these measures.

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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The student will:

- Describe and explain the types of violence that occur in contemporary America including the historical background of abuse in the context of the family
- Recognize the relationship between family violence and other major social institutions (e.g., religion, family, education, media, peers)
- Analyze the causes and consequences of family violence
- Examine characteristics of the abused and the abusers
- Compare the social science approaches to the study of family violence
- Examine the legal and medical issues surrounding family violence
- Differentiate between the types of family violence including populations which have traditionally been ignored such as sibling abuse, abuse in rural areas, people with disabilities, and gay and lesbian abuse
- Distinguish the various societal and professional responses to family violence
- Explain the role of the criminal justice system and family violence

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

There are two sets of requirements for this course:

1. You are required to take three exams for this course. Each exam consists of 50 multiple choice questions, and is worth 100 points. You will have 1 hour and 15 minutes to complete each exam. Exam #1 covers material in Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Exam #2 covers material in Chapters 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11; Exam #3 covers material from Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16.

A detailed study guide is located in the STUDY GUIDE section of this syllabus. Material for the exams includes information from the text and any handouts or discussions that I may bring to each exam.

2. In addition, you are required to write five (5) essays on the information from the text. The exact requirements of the essays are below, and the format for the writing assignments is located at the end of the COURSE INSTRUCTIONS section of the syllabus next to the * symbol. These essays are worth 20 points each, or a total of 100 points.

The purpose of these assignments is to help you prepare for the exam, so do a thorough job on them and you might be better prepared for the exams. I actually create exam questions from the headings of the text that you use for these assignments.

Before you begin the writing assignments, read the COURSE INSTRUCTIONS below. Failure to do so may affect your grade in the course.

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Writing Assignment #1: From Chapters 2 and 3, find the headings on **ABUSERS AND THE ABUSED** and describe the characteristics of each. For some reason, many students neglect to cover the material in both chapters, so be certain to include information from those sections in both chapters. **(3 pages)**

Writing Assignment #2: From Chapter 5, discuss the characteristics of sibling abuse and include those characteristics that are unique to this type of family violence. (As an example of how to approach these assignments, read the entire chapter first. As you are reading, write down notes that fulfill the requirements of this writing assignment. Then organize these notes into a coherent essay. For example, the very first sentence in the chapter is an essential part of the essay, “Sibling abuse is probably the most common form of family violence in the United States.” Follow this introductory statement with descriptions of sibling abuse as a significant, and unique, component of family violence. **(2 pages)**)

Note: Once you have submitted Assignments #1 and #2 and I have e-mailed those grades to you, then you may request Exam #1.

Writing Assignment #3: From Chapter 7, find the heading on **The Interview Process** and give an overview of the most important features of the interview process. Be certain to explain which features of the interview are most popular, successful/least successful, and most problematic. **(3 pages)**

Writing Assignment #4: From Chapter 11, describe the theories of elder abuse. You should describe all of the theories, but the last two (**Family Stress Theory and Neutralization Theory**) are particularly important, so spend more time on those theories. **(3 pages)**

Note: Once you have submitted Assignments #3 and #4 and I have e-mailed those grades to you, then you may request Exam #2.

Writing Assignment #5: From Chapter 14, go to the heading on **THEORIES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE** and discuss: a) causes of rape, b) types of rape, and c) consequences of rape. **(4 pages)**

Note: Once you have submitted Assignment #5 and I have e-mailed that grade to you, then you may request Exam #3.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

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Grade Distribution:

Exam #1(Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5)	100 points
Exam #2(Chapters 6, 7, 9, 10, & 11)	100 points
Exam #3(Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, &16)	100 points
<u>Essays (20 points each)</u>	<u>100 points total</u>
Total Points	400 points

Scale:

360-400	A
320-359	B
280-319	C
240-279	D
0-239	F

ADA STATEMENT:

Students who need special accommodation to complete this class should contact the instructor and the Office of Student Affairs, 719.587.7221 as soon as possible.

