**Wayland Mission Statement**

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

**Contact Information**

**Course**

: SOSC 3321 PL01 – Marriage and the Family

**Campus**

: WBUonline

**Term/Session**

**:** Summer 2023

**Instructor**

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**: Call, text or email with questions**

**Class Meeting Time and Location**

**: Online**

**Textbook Information**

**Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Materials**

**:** Choices in Relationships: An Introduction to Marriage and the FamilyKnoxCengage13th20209781544379197

*The textbook for this course is part of the* ***Wayland’s Automatic eBook*** *program. You will have access to an eBook and interactive learning material on the first day of class through your Blackboard course site. The cost of this Automatic eBook will be billed directly to your student account when you register for the course. You will be notified via email with access instructions and additional information. If you do not wish to participate in the Automatic eBook program, you will have the first 12 days of class to opt-out of the program (additional details will be outlined in your email instructions). For more information on the Automatic eBook program, visit the Wayland Bookstore* [*Automatic eBook FAQ*](https://bookstore.wbu.edu/site_inclusive.asp) *page.*

**Optional Materials**

**:** None

**Course Information**

**Catalog Description**

**:**  Examination of the family as a social institution; comparative analysis of kinship systems; and recent changes in American family structure.

**There is no prerequisite for this course.**

**Course Outcome Competencies**

**:** Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

* Identify and define choices made in dating, marriage and family relationships
* Analyze critical issues that are currently impacting the American family structure
* Discuss the diverse family structures and how they affect American social institutions
* Communicate in writing from sociological, criminal justice or psychological perspectives the aspects of family life

**Attendance Requirements**

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Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 2 or more weeks of an 8-week session, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given session is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

**University Policies**

**Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty**

**:** Wayland Baptist University observes a zero tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty. Per university policy as described in the academic catalog, all cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and second offenses will result in suspension from the university.

**Disability Statement**

**:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Director of Counseling, Career and Disability Services serves as the coordinator of students with disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation request at (806) 291-3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

Accessibility issues with content in WBUonline courses or in Blackboard should be addressed to the WBU accessibility coordinator, Dr. Trish Ritschel-Trifilo, [trifilot@wbu.edu](mailto:trifilot@wbu.edu) or call (806) 291-3745.

**Student Grade Appeals**

**:** Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

[WBU Catalog](http://catalog.wbu.edu/)

**Course Requirements and Grading Criteria**

**Course requirements:** This course will consist of 2 graded parts, for a total of approximately 560 points for the class:

1. Discussion Boards – Students will be required to respond to each question posted on the discussion board and also **respond to at least two other student’s responses** for a minimum of 3 responses/week. There will be one Discussion Board each week for a total of 8, each worth 20 points for a semester total of **160 points**

2. A 50 point, 25 question quiz each week worth 50 points for a total of **400 points. 8 quizzes, 3 chances per quiz per week with no time limit.**

**The University has a standard grade scale:**

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F= below 60, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term, within the last week of an 8-week session, or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student’s control. A grade of “incomplete” is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long 16-week term or 8-week session, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion.  If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

**Tentative Schedule**

May 29 – June 4: Introductions and Chapter 1 Introduction to Marriage, Family, and Diversity

Quiz and Discussion Boards

June 5 – June 11: Chapter 2 Love Relationships and chapter 3 Gender and Diversity

Quiz and Discussion Board

June 12 – June 18: Chapter 4 Singlehood, Cohabitation and Living Apart together and Chapter 5

Selecting a Partner

Quiz and Discussion Board

June 19 – June 25: Chapter 6 diversity in Marriage Relationships and Chapter 7 LGBTQIA Relationships

Quiz and Discussion Board

June 26 – July 2: Chapter 9: Diversity in Sexuality Relationships

Quiz and Discussion Board

July 3 – July 9: Chapter 10: Violence and Abuse in Relationships and Chapter 12 Diversity in Parenting

July 10 – July 16: Chapter 14 Stress and Crisis in Relationships and

Quiz and Discussion Board

July 17 – 23: Chapter 15 divorce, Remarriage and Stepfamilies

Quiz and Discussion Board

**Additional Information**