NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

SOC 215 - MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY (3 CR.)

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Studies topics such as marriage and family in social and cultural context. Addresses the single scene, dating and marriage styles, child-rearing, husband and wife interactions, single parent families, and alternative lifestyles. Lecture 3 hour per week.

GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE
To provide the student with an analysis of family systems as viewed by sociologists.

ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCIES
None

COURSE OBJECTIVES
A. Identify and differentiate structures and processes of family life.
B. Discuss the concepts of conflict, change, and adaptations in family life.

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED
A. Family systems - Forms
B. Socialization and Family Processes
C. Sexuality
D. Birth Control and Reproduction
E. Parenting
F. Family Functions and Dysfunctions
G. Alternate Family Forms

EXTRA TOPICS (optional)
Cross-cultural Examination of Family Systems