



LEAVELL COLLEGE

AT NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

**Marriage and Family Issues: LCGE1390-65
(213)**

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Monday, Weekly 12:00 pm – 2:50 pm

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New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will focus on marriage and family as a social institution with application to their life and the local church. Students will also explore various issues related to the marriage relationship and the family.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. Evaluate the contemporary institution of marriage and family.
2. Explore his/her family of origin and identify both adaptive and maladaptive patterns.
3. Explain and demonstrate various techniques and interventions utilized in marriage and family.

COURSE TEXTS

The following textbook is required:

Balswick, Jack, and Judith Balswick. *The Family: A Christian Perspective on the Contemporary Home*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2014.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Attendance and Participation:** As per the Leavell College Catalog, school policies regarding absences and tardies will be strictly enforced. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class period and after each break. The student is responsible for contacting the teacher if he/she is tardy and the roll has already been taken. The student is expected to participate in class and is responsible for all material, including that which was covered during an absence.
2. **Exams:** All exams will consist of multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and discussion questions. Students should not assume that the study guide, if one is given, is comprehensive to what will be on the exam. If an emergency prevents a student from taking a scheduled exam, it is that student's responsibility to reschedule with the instructor. If a student misses an exam and does not get preapproval from the instructor and/or cannot provide documentation (doctor's note, police report, death of loved one) they will not be allowed to make up the exam. The exam must be made up within one week of the missed exam. After one week, the student will earn a grade of

0 for the assignment. **Exam 1 (due March 14th); Exam 2 (due April 24th) and Final Exam (due May 12th) are to be submitted on Blackboard by the due date.**

3. **Book Review:** In addition to the required textbook for this course, each student will be responsible for selecting an additional book to read and review. Students must choose a book that they have not previously read, which relates to material covered in this course. The book should be at least 100 pages in length. **Submit Additional Book Title on Blackboard by February 8th.** A one-page review following the outline provided in class must be submitted and presented to the class. Students will sign up for days to present their book in class and are responsible for submitting a copy of their review on Blackboard by **March 29th.** Failure to submit book review in Blackboard will result in a one-letter grade deduction from the student's final grade.
4. **Genogram:** Students will be asked to complete a genogram and reflection exercises on their family of origin. More information will be provided on this in class. **Due on Blackboard by March 27th.**
5. **Marriage Enrichment Lessons:** Students will be asked to develop five marriage enrichment lessons. This assignment is designed to be practical in that it can potentially be used for a Sunday school or discipleship class. You are allowed to choose the five topics for each of the lessons. These lessons can be for premarital couples or married couples. Each lesson should follow the format and guidelines provided in class. Marriage enrichment lessons will be **due on Blackboard by April 9th.**

The final breakdown for the course will be tabulated according to the following percentage breakdown:

Marriage Enrichment Lessons (April 9)	15%
Book Review (March 29 th)	10%
Genogram/Family Reflection Exercise (March 27)	15%
Exam 1 (March 14 th)	20%
Exam 2 (April 24)	20%
Final Exam (May 12)	<u>20%</u>
	100%

GRADING SCALE

- A: 93 - 100
- B: 85 - 92
- C: 77 - 84
- D: 70 - 76
- F: below 70

COURSE OUTLINE:

Week	Class Dates	Topics	Assigned Reading	Assignment Due Dates
1	Jan 25	Syllabus Overview Introduction to the course Sacred Marriage DVD/A Theological Foundation	Chap. 1	
2	Feb 1	The Family as a Developing Biosocial System Mate Selection & Cohabitation	Chaps. 2 & 3	
3	Feb 8	Relationship Attachment Model: Know & Trust Relationship Attachment Model: Rely, Commit, Touch		Due on Blackboard by Feb. 8: Submit the Title of a book to be reviewed
4	Feb 15	Establishing Marriage The Seven Principles of Making Marriage Work	Chaps. 4 & 5	
5	Feb 22	Communication Genograms Developing a Mature, Reciprocating Self Review	Chaps. 13 & 14 Chap. 7	
6	Mar 1	Exam 1 in Class		
7	Mar 8	Parenting Bringing Baby Home	Chap. 6	Due on Blackboard by March 14: Genogram Project Due
8	Mar 15-19	Spring Break	Spring Break	
9	Mar 22	Brain-Based Parenting Strategies		
10	Mar 29	Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child Emotional Safety		Due on Blackboard by March 29: Book Review
11	Apr 5	Family Spirituality	Chaps 8 & 9	
12	Apr 12	Adolescence & Midlife The Joys and Challenges of Family in Later Life Review	Chap. 10	Due on Blackboard by April 18 5 Marriage Enrichment Lessons
13	Apr 19	Exam 2 in Class		
14	Apr 26	Changing Gender Roles & Relations The Stress & Strain of Family Life	Chaps. 11 & 12 Chaps 15 & 16	
15	May 3	Complex Families The Postmodern Family Review	Chaps. 17 & 18 Chaps. 19 & 20	
16	May 10	Final Exam on Blackboard		Due on Blackboard by May 10: Final Exam

ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION

1. Attendance Policy: Leavell College follows the attendance policy as stated in the Leavell College catalog.
2. Policy for Late Submissions: All late assignments will be penalized five points for the first day and one point per day thereafter, with no assignments being accepted more than two weeks past the due date.
3. Plagiarism Policy: A high standard of personal integrity is expected of all Leavell College students. Copying another person's work, submitting downloaded material without proper references, submitting material without properly citing the source, submitting the same material for credit in more than one course, and committing other such forms of dishonesty are strictly forbidden. *Although anything cited in three sources is considered public domain, we require that all sources be cited.* Any infraction may result in failing the assignment and the course. Any infraction will be reported to the Dean of Leavell College for further action.
4. Classroom and Online Decorum: Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of the others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times. Electronic devices should be used only for classroom purposes as indicated by the professor.
5. Special Needs: If you need accommodations for a disability, please set up a meeting with the professor for consideration of any modifications you may need.
6. Emergency Plan: In the event the NOBTS schedule is impacted due to a natural event, go to the seminary's website for pertinent information. Class will continue as scheduled through the Blackboard site. Please note announcements and assignments on the course's Blackboard site.
7. Technical Assistance: For general NOBTS technical help, go to www.NOBTS.edu/itc/

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