



# **INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE**

SOC 102

Marriage & Family

Fall 2024/Spring 2025/Summer 2025

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## Part I: Course Information

Effective Term: Fall 2024/Spring 2025/Summer 2025

COURSE PREFIX: SOC 102

COURSE TITLE: Marriage & Family

CONTACT HOURS: 3

CREDIT HOURS: 3

### **RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:**

This course will provide a broad overview of family life and increase understanding of diverse family structures and societal issues.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course explores the dynamics of marriage and family relationships. Students will examine family structures, communication strategies, conflict resolution, parenting, and the impact of societal factors on family life. Emphasis is placed on understanding cultural variations, ethical considerations, and the influence of public policies on families.

### **PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:**

(Credit level SOC 101 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level SOC 101 Minimum Grade of TC)

\***Online/Hybrid** courses require students to complete the [Distance Learning Orientation Video](#) prior to enrolling in an online course.

### **REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

Laur, Robert and Jeanette. 2023. Marriage and Family: The Quest for Intimacy. 10<sup>th</sup> ed. McGraw Hill.

Please visit the bookstore online site for most current textbook information. Use the direct link below to find textbooks.

[BOOKSTORE](#).

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

### **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's learning management system (LMS) used for course materials. Access to myHGTC portal for student self-services. College email access – this is the college's primary official form of communication.

### **STUDENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION:**

2024-2025

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) proctored assignment and/or one (1) virtual event to support student identification verification. Please refer to your Instructor Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

### **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:**

Students are required to read the textbook assignments. The text will introduce you to key concepts, principles, and methods devised to describe and explain social problems. Students are also encouraged to take notes. This course is designed to foster interaction, active learning and the sharing of ideas and information. Therefore, as a student, you are encouraged to participate and to be respectful of other students and the instructor. (Please be respectful when others are presenting and asking questions. Therefore, do not engage in disruptive behavior and/or talking during class presentations and lectures). This directive is part of the standard of acceptable behavior for this class. Students in violation of this directive may be asked to leave the class for the remainder of the class period, and subsequently referred to the Chief Student Services Officer for further disciplinary action. For a detailed explanation of The Student Code for The South Carolina Technical College System, please refer to the College Catalog (available Online). The faculty and administration of HGTC are committed to enhancing your learning experience at the College through improved methods of instruction and support services.

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

### **ONLINE/HYBRID COURSES:**

**NETIQUETTE:** is the term commonly used to refer to conventions adopted by Internet users on the web, mailing lists, public forums, and in live chat focused on online communications etiquette. For more information regarding Netiquette expectations for distance learning courses, please visit [Online Netiquette](#).

## **Part II: Student Learning Outcomes**

### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS\*:**

Listed below are the Student and Course Learning Outcomes. These Learning Outcomes define what knowledge and skills a student can “do” or express after successful completion of this course.

### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. **Analyze Family Dynamics:** Students will be able to critically examine the structure and function of various family forms and the dynamics within them, considering cultural, social, and economic influences.
2. **Develop Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills:** Students will demonstrate effective communication techniques and conflict resolution strategies applicable to family and interpersonal relationships.
3. **Evaluate Societal Impact:** Students will evaluate the impact of public policies and societal issues on families, developing informed perspectives on how to advocate for family well-being and social justice.

## **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

1. Describe the changing patterns of intimate relationships in contemporary society.
2. Discuss how families vary across time and among and within societies.
3. Explain how attitudes about love, sex, and self are shaped by gender role orientation.
4. Relate the meaning of sex as both a physical and social phenomenon.
5. Discuss the ways in which people get together as they search for intimate possibilities.
6. Define different styles of loving and their implications for relationships.
7. Summarize the process of exchange and role equity in developing a lasting relationship.
8. Contrast and compare the types of adjustments men and women must make when they marry.
9. Summarize the difficulties on communicating feelings and its relational impact.
10. Analyze the six types of power that can be used in a marriage.
11. Describe the challenges that dual-income couples face and the possibility of marital satisfaction.
12. Discuss how birth rate, ideal number of children, and sex preferences have changed recently.
13. Explain how stressful events can result in a family crisis.
14. Summarize the interpersonal factors that lead to divorce.
15. Discuss the processes of courting and choosing a partner for those who remarry.

***\*Students – please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

## **Part III: Grading and Assessment**

### **EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS\***

Students’ performance will be assessed, and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

#### **EVALUATION\***

Exams (2 to 5 exams including the Final Exam)	40-60%
Quizzes / Assignments	15-40%
Papers / Projects / Portfolios / Discussions	15-40%
Participation	0-10%
	100%

***\*Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations and assessments, please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information Sheet.***

#### **GRADING SYSTEM:**

Please note the College adheres to a 10 point grading scale A = 100 – 90, B = 89- 80, C = 79 – 70, D = 69 – 60, F = 59 and below. You must have your Dean’s approval if changes in the scale are made.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing

from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for deadlines for add/drop. You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

## Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 - Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.

**For online and hybrid courses**, check your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. Please note, instructors may require tests to be taken at approved testing sites, if you use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, the center may charge a fee for its services.

## Part V: Student Resources



### THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

1. **Academic tutors** for most subject areas, **Writing Center support**, and **college success skills**.
2. Online **tutoring** and academic support resources.
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## STUDENT TESTING:

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course and in **make-up exam** situations may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L.
- Test administered in writing on paper.
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Furthermore, tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

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**DISABILITY SERVICES:**

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Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided. Students will need to reach out to the Accessibility and Disability Services staff each semester to renew their accommodations.

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All inquiries regarding the federal laws as they relate to discrimination on the basis of sex may be directed to Tamatha Sells, Title IX Coordinator, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 1100C, Room 107B, 2050 Hwy 501 E, PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066, 843-349-5218, [tamatha.sells@hgtc.edu](mailto:tamatha.sells@hgtc.edu) or to the US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights. (Telephone: 800-421-3481/Email: [OCR@ed.gov](mailto:OCR@ed.gov)).

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