Meeting place and time: 428 Rogers-Stout M,W,F: 9:20-10:15
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Required texts:

Course organization:
The course is organized in a lecture-discussion format. A very good basically balanced textbook is our main guide to the evidence, theory, and policy-related issues on this topical area. We also examine a recent book by the textbook author Cherlin that offers a more detailed history of marriage and divorce, and the core issues facing contemporary choices to marry. Class format varies. Sometimes more formal, instructor-centered lectures will be given; sometimes I organize a lecture around key questions derived from the required readings and attempt to more actively engage you. Dialogue often beats monologue as a way to learn how to learn; reinforce material; and actively engage your minds. You must read and work through required readings before each class session.

Course evaluation:
Course evaluation is based on four exams each worth 25% of the final grade. Exams will consist of objective, short-answer, and brief essay questions.

Grading scale:
The ETSU +/- Scale is used in this course.
A  94-100%
A -  90-93
B+  87-89
B   84-86
B-  80-83
C+  77-79
C   74-76
C-  70-73
D+  67-69
D   65-66
F   64 and below
Course Itinerary and Readings

Introduction to Course.
   Day 1: Course orientation.

   Reading: Cherlin, ch. 14

Public and Private Families: Definition, Explanation, Sociological Viewpoints.
   Reading: Cherlin, ch. 1

The History of the Family
   Reading: Cherlin, ch. 2

   *Test #1: Date, TBA (chapters 15, 1, 2)*

Gender and Families
   Reading: Cherlin, ch. 3

Social Class and Families
   Reading: Cherlin, ch. 4

Race, Ethnicity, and Families
   Reading: Cherlin, ch. 5

   *Test #2: Date, TBA (chapters 3, 4, 5)*

Sexuality and Love.
   Reading: Cherlin, ch. 1 (pp. 25-29), ch.6

Cohabitation and Marriage.
   Reading: Cherlin, ch. 7
   Cherlin, *The Marriage Go-Round* (all)

   *Test #3: Date, TBA (Public and Private Families, pp. 25-29, chapters 6, 7; The Marriage Go-Round)*

Divorce
   Reading: Cherlin, ch. 12

Step-Families
   Reading: Cherlin, ch. 13

   *Final Exam: (chapters 12, 13); Monday, December 13, 2010, 8:00-10:00 am*