Catalog Course Description:
This course is designed for the student interested in examining, from a sociological perspective, issues such as marriage, family, and emerging alternative life styles which constitute the reality of life today. The course explores love, sexuality, mate selection, and engagement preceding traditional marriage and family patterns, extra-marital and non-marital unions, singles, and future trends in intimate relationship styles.

Student Learning Outcomes:
- The student will identify the effects popular culture and traditional cultural values have on the mate selection process
- Students will display a deeper appreciation of the nature of gender development within the marital and family context
- The students will be able to identify and appreciate the various aspects of society that impact the institution of Marriage and the Family
- Student learners will be able to identify and define (a) the three major theoretical perspectives in social research and (b) How these theoretical approaches impact the institution(s) of marriage and the family.
- Students should be able to communicate in writing, how Sociology contributes to an understanding of marriage and family relationships.
- Students will understand the role sexuality plays in varying intimate relationships throughout the life-course

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in BP 5500 (Standards of Conduct) and AP 5520 (Student Conduct Procedures) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is NOT a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:
- Weekly Discussion Boards
- Email interaction between faculty and student
- Checking email at least twice per week for instructor updates or notices
The instructor may drop you for non-participation.

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the Disabled Students & Programs office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.