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COURSE FOCUS AND CONTENT OBJECTIVES

This course develops your capacity to think critically, actively, and deeply about one of the most damaging (if not the most damaging) family problems prevalent in our society today — family violence and abuse. Our interest is in studying and understanding the ways family violence is perceived, explained, and studied by different parts of the academic and professional community and within some of the more influential and important belief systems in our society. We study how family studies, psychology, sociology, feminism, and related disciplines generally view family violence and how it could be prevented, reduced, or eliminated. We consider how different professionals — such as researchers, therapists, educators, policy makers, law enforcers, medical doctors, nurses — contribute different perspectives and considerations to our understanding of family violence and what can be done about it. Given this focus, the following COURSE CONTENT OBJECTIVES can be articulated:

1. Develop a deeper understanding of the complex issues that pertain to the phenomena of family violence and the controversies and problematics surrounding its definition, causes, preventions, and treatments.
2. Develop a deeper understanding of the nature of controversy, intellectual conflict, and how opposing points of view make “understanding” something such as family violence problematic or very confusing and what can be done to make sense of competing and opposing systems of thinking about something.
3. Develop a deeper understanding of the way different beliefs and views of marriage, families, and parenting influence people’s perceptions of what constitutes and causes family violence in contemporary society and what can be done to eliminate it at the same time we understand things we can and must do to establish, build, and maintain positive family environments and communication patterns.
4. Develop a deeper understanding of the elements potentially within each of us and our families that contribute to the set of problems represented in the phenomena of family violence at the same time we understand that there is much that we can and must do to eliminate this problem in our own lives, our families, our communities, and our society.
5. Develop a deeper understanding of the things we can and must do to help ourselves and others heal.

To do these accurately and effectively, you must learn to perceive things and think about them in a fundamentally different manner than you are accustomed to. You must learn and then be willing to ask yourself questions that help you discover insight, understanding, and enlightenment about the things we study. Seeing things in a different perspective will help you think differently about things you already know as it uncovers new content and considerations. This enables you to identify different ideas and issues, ask different questions, and develop different frames of reference. Learning new ways of thinking helps you understand more critically the ways you think so you can more clearly articulate your beliefs and values with their relevant justifications and implications. These are essential elements of an education that respects and reflects diversity and complexity. Meeting these objectives — and the personal challenges they present — requires us to study and learn the complexity of the course content and our own belief system — and our experience — on much deeper levels. I refer to this kind of education and educating as “deep learning.”
In order to discover and understand family violence, we cannot even begin to accomplish this by memorizing or regurgitating for some test bits and pieces of information. We need a deep understanding of the things we deem important and meaningful in our education and in our lives — not a lot of easily forgotten information. To do this, we must learn to develop and use habits of our mind and intellect — not simply exercise our short-term memory skills. For example, most people read “to be informed,” to find certain bits of information about something, or to be entertained. They have not learned how different it is to read “to be enlightened,” to gain insight, to increase their understanding or comprehension of something. This is a sort of learning that institutions of higher learning should be providing for those who attend them. The emphasis of all class activities is on learning, practicing, and applying the elements of good reasoning and reasoned judgment in our intellectual work as a community. This assumes that the important elements of the course content (i.e., relevant points of view, purposes, questions, problems, concepts, ideas, conclusions, information, experiences, implications, assumptions) can only be personally applied if they are learned and understood in terms of how they are organized and interrelated with one another and with your experience. Only as you study them in this manner, will they become applicable and useful for you. You must reason your way to identifying and articulating their relevant implications and applications for yourself and others. This form of study requires considerable practice and it is best done in settings where individuals can work together to coach, teach, and learn from one another. This is intended to be done, in some way, during every class meeting and in every class activity. Four more **COURSE CONTENT OBJECTIVES** can now be articulated that follow from this introductory discussion on **how and why** we do **what** we do in this course:

6. Develop a deeper understanding of the important differences between learning “to be informed” about something and learning “to be enlightened” or to increase understanding about something.
7. Develop a deeper understanding of the elements of reasoning common to all systems of thinking — points of view, purposes, questions, concepts, conclusions, information, implications, and assumptions.
8. Develop a deeper awareness and understanding of personal prejudices and areas of closed-mindedness through discovering more about being teachable, open-minded, and fair-minded.
9. Develop a deeper understanding of what educators call “higher-order thinking” — the intellectual processes of analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and application.

This course is also designed as a writing emphasis (i.e., earns upper-division communication/writing credit) course for a variety of reasons: (a) to provide you with more integrated, holistic, and meaningful learning experiences; (b) to further your understanding of some of the processes of communicating in the social and behavioral sciences; and (c) to help you discover greater depths of understanding about yourself, your personal system of thinking, and the course content. You will have many opportunities to reflect on and articulate through writing and class discussion your questions, learning, and insights.

**REQUIRED COURSE READINGS AVAILABLE IN THE U of U BOOKSTORE**

4. There are several course readings on “Electronic Reserve” at the Marriott Library General Reserve. They are also available in printed form at the General Reserve Desk in the Marriott Library. Instructions for using “E-Reserve” are at: [http://www.lib.utah.edu/circ/reserve/student.html](http://www.lib.utah.edu/circ/reserve/student.html). To help you access “e-reserve” readings from off-campus, see the instructions at: [http://www.lib.utah.edu/information/remote.html](http://www.lib.utah.edu/information/remote.html).
5. A few required readings can be accessed directly from web pages on the internet.
RECOMMENDED BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE U of U BOOKSTORE


OTHER COURSE RELATED RESOURCE MATERIALS

There are two course related resources that are accessible from the “links” page of my faculty web site (http://www.fcs.utah.edu/faculty/herrin/links.html). One document is Pertinent Course “Odds and Ends” (http://www.fcs.utah.edu/faculty/herrin/OddsEnds.html). The second is “Deep Learning:” A Critical Thinking Resource (http://www.fcs.utah.edu/faculty/herrin/deep_learning.html).

COURSE LEARNING DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

IN-CLASS ACTIVITIES (30% of grade). During most class meetings we engage in activities, as individuals and/or in small groups, that build on your class preparation and assignments. Some activities may require work outside of class. For most activities, it is my intention for you receive credit because you are present in class and participate. Other activities may be graded using grading criteria discussed in class. Your participation in the assessment of your own work, the work of your peers, and providing feedback for your peers will be accounted for in this component of your course grade. Sometimes you will give and receive feedback from class members on the clarity, precision, depth, and other standards of reasoning as they are evident or absent in different assignments so you learn to assess your own work and the work of your peers. Since most of these activities take place and have their intended purpose within the context of a particular class meeting, you have to be in class to participate and receive credit. These activities cannot be made up.

WEEKLY QUOTES AND INSIGHTS (30% of grade). Starting with the required reading assignments for the fourth week of the term (week of January 31), complete the components discussed below for any ten of the weekly reading assignments. Your quotations, accompanying insights, and questions are due at the beginning of the first class meeting of each of the ten weeks you select to write about. You receive full credit for these assignments if you complete them accurately. I do not attempt to evaluate your reasoning or your writing in these assignments.

1. For each chapter or article assigned, select and word-process a minimum of one quotation (e.g., phrases, sentences, paragraphs) that contain terms, ideas, discussions, assumptions, conclusions, or other information that triggered, inspired, or otherwise helped you discover or realize personally significant insights about the author’s central and most important message, argument, propositions, or findings. Look for passages that are also significant and meaningful to you that you feel are worth learning because of their relevance to you, your increased understanding, and their connection or application to your experience.

   - For each quotation, include the name(s) of the author(s), the article and/or book the quote came from, and page number(s) where it can be found.

   - Long quotations may be photocopied and attached to the page that discusses the relevant insight.

2. Immediately following each quotation you choose to discuss, briefly (i.e., minimum of 200 words) but clearly and precisely, explain (a) why you selected the particular quotation and (b) what the specific insight, understanding, or connection was that the particular quotation triggered or helped you see. Include an accurate word-count of the number of words you write in your discussion or mark approximately where in your discussion your word-count exceeds 200 words. [For example, if you count the words in this paragraph and the one before it, there are 257 words.] Both Microsoft Word and Corel WordPerfect have functions that will provide a word-count for a document or block of text. These functions make word-counting relatively easy for you.
3. For each of the quotations you select and discuss, create at least one original complex question that you feel could be asked and if answered would help you and others understand the quotes, readings, and your related interests, insights, and concerns more thoroughly and at deeper levels.

4. When the reading assignment includes more than one chapter for an assigned author, you need at least one quote from each assigned chapter, but you only need to discuss your insight and ask questions for one of the quotes you select from each assigned author.

5. From each weekly reading assignment, select a word or term that you would like to more clearly and carefully understand. Using a minimum of two dictionaries with somewhat different definitions, define the word in terms that help you understand the word in the context in which you read it in the reading assignment. Also include a list of three or more synonyms from a thesaurus that also help you better understand the word. Include references for the dictionaries and thesaurus that you use.

6. Instructions for selecting insights and writing questions from the different reading assignments are specified under the weekly headings listed for the CLASS MEETINGS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS.

**LEARNING ANALYSES (40% of grade).** Towards the middle of the term, you are to write in essay form, an analysis of some important aspects of your personal learning that you have acquired due to your course-related studies and experiences. This will include in-depth analyses of relevant definitions and quotations from the course reading assignments. You may choose what you write about and when you write it. You are encouraged to elaborate on and analyze in greater depth things you have written about in your WEEKLY QUOTES AND INSIGHTS. These analyses are intended to help you build on and write about the course-related learning you have been experiencing inside and outside of class. A first draft of your LEARNING ANALYSES must be turned in before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 9. Your LEARNING ANALYSES may be turned in during a class meeting or at my office or the FCS Department office (228 AEB). Your final revised draft of your LEARNING ANALYSES is due no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 27.

**NECESSARY DETAILS FOR ALL WRITING ASSIGNMENTS.** To help you be thorough and careful in your attention to very basic elements of written communication, please attend to the six details listed below in your assignments. If they are omitted your assignment will not receive full credit and may be returned to you to be completed and resubmitted before it receives any credit. While attention to such details may seem unimportant to you, I assure you that the inclusion of each item makes an important contribution to the successful completion of a relevant piece of written communication from you to me or other members of the class.

1. Please word-process (or type) your work if at all possible.
2. Please put your name, the name and number of the course, the name of the assignment, and the date of the day you complete the assignment at the top of your first page.
3. Please number your pages and put them in order when you turn in an assignment that is longer than one page.
4. Any time a quotation is used in an assignment, it should include the name(s) of the author(s), what article and/or book the quote came from, and page number(s) where it can be found.
5. Be certain that you respond to and complete all assigned questions, components, and their subparts. Pieces of work turned-in that omit important assigned components are likely to be returned without credit until they are completed and resubmitted. These resubmitted assignments will be considered late.
6. We are likely to use or discuss many of your WEEKLY QUOTES AND INSIGHTS in a number of ways during class meetings with the whole class or class members in small groups so write at least some things you are willing to share with others. If there are things you want to write that you want to remain confidential please consider writing the confidential material on a separate page.
CLASS MEETINGS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Each week of the term is listed below with its respective class meetings, dates, and reading assignments. The reading assignments itemized immediately below a particular week are to be completed before coming to the first class meeting of that week and the WEEKLY QUOTES AND INSIGHTS selected from them are due at the beginning of the first class meeting of that week. WEEKLY QUOTES AND INSIGHTS are selected and written-up before the readings from which they are selected are discussed in class. Before each reading, you will find one of several capital letters. A ‘1’ means the materials will be distributed to you in class; a ‘-’ means the reading will be sent to you by email; a ‘:’ means the reading can be found on the Web; an ‘1’ means the reading can be found on e-reserve; and a ‘&’ means the reading can be found in one of the course textbooks.

NOTE: During the first few weeks of the term, we will visit a number of pertinent websites, explore them, and read through particular pages to acquire an overview and background awareness of the facts and explanations of family and domestic violence — particularly child and spouse abuse. We are interested in getting a very quick look at a lot of information in these areas. Read quickly and look for things that are interesting and compelling to you. Make note of these. It will be useful for you to find several relevant websites (such as these) that you become familiar with as the term progresses so you can refer to them and find statistics and answers to questions you may have.

WEEK ONE, MEETING 1: January 10

Course Syllabus [Two page highlights handed out in class.]

WEEK ONE, MEETING 2: January 12

- Pertinent Course “Odds and Ends”. http://www.fcs.utah.edu/faculty/herrin/OddsEnds.html
  - Spouse/partner Abuse Information http://www.nccafv.org/spouse.htm
  - Child Abuse Information http://www.nccafv.org/child.htm
  - Elder Abuse Information http://www.nccafv.org/elder.htm

JANUARY 17 ☀ MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., DAY — NO CLASS — HAVE SOME FUN!!! ☀

JANUARY 19 !!!!REMINDER: LAST DAY TO DROP COURSES!!!
WEEK TWO, MEETING 3: January 19

- Visit the **Family Violence Prevention Fund** website. Go to the “Domestic Violence Is a Serious, Widespread Social Problem in America: the Facts” page and then read through the different “Fact Sheets by Topic” (there are 13 of them). **Write down and bring to our next class meeting three or four interesting facts or points of interest that you find in your browsing.**

  - [http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/](http://endabuse.org/resources/facts/)

- Visit the website of the **American Humane Association**. Go to the “Newsroom: Child Fact Sheets” page and then read through the different “Child Fact Sheets” (there are 12 of them). **Write down and bring to our next class meeting three or four interesting facts or points of interest that you find in your browsing.**

  - [http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=nr_fact_sheets](http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=nr_fact_sheets)

- Visit the website of **Prevent Child Abuse America** and browse through the following pages. **You do not have to write down anything from this site.**

  - Estimated Cost of Child Abuse & Neglect In The United States
    - [http://www.preventchildabuse.org/learn_more/research_docs/cost_analysis.pdf](http://www.preventchildabuse.org/learn_more/research_docs/cost_analysis.pdf)

  - Research (look for and read at least the 7 “Fact Sheets”)
    - [http://www.preventchildabuse.org/learn_more/research.html](http://www.preventchildabuse.org/learn_more/research.html)

  - **OPTIONAL:** Publications: Tips for Parents (browse through these for ideas and perspectives on parenting)
    - [http://www.preventchildabuse.org/learn_more/parents_index.html](http://www.preventchildabuse.org/learn_more/parents_index.html)

  - [http://www.psychohistory.com/htm/05_history.html](http://www.psychohistory.com/htm/05_history.html)
  - Or [http://www.primalspirit.com/deMaue3-1_ChildAbuse.htm](http://www.primalspirit.com/deMaue3-1_ChildAbuse.htm)


JANUARY 24     !!!REMINDER: LAST DAY TO ADD COURSES!!!

WEEK THREE, MEETINGS 4, 5: January 24, 26

- Visit the **Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse, Electronic Clearinghouse**. Go to the “Read” section and select “Articles and Research.” Then select “Domestic Violence.” Browse through the listing of articles until you find a couple that look interesting to you and then read them. **Turn in a copy of the first page of at least two articles you find through your browsing that are of interest to you.**

  - [http://www.mincava.umn.edu/](http://www.mincava.umn.edu/)

- Visit the **Minnesota Program Development, Inc.**’s Website of the Duluth Domestic Abuse Intervention Project. Read the “Overview” from the page for the “Domestic Abuse Intervention Project.”


- Read through the different pages of the “Wheel Gallery.”


- Visit **MenWeb: Men’s Voices Magazine**. Browse for a while.


- Browse through the “Battered Men” page until you find a couple of articles that look interesting to you and then read them. **Turn in a copy of the first page of at least two articles you find through your browsing that are of interest to you.**

  - [http://www.batteredmen.com/index.htm](http://www.batteredmen.com/index.htm)

- While on the same “Battered Men” page, if you haven’t already, look under the section “Help for Battered Men,” select “What is Abuse?” Read the article, “What is abuse? Are You in an Abusive Relationship?” by Bert H. Hoff

  - [http://www.batteredmen.com/batable.htm](http://www.batteredmen.com/batable.htm)


JANUARY 27     !!!REMINDER: TUITION PAYMENT DUE OR YOUR CLASSES ARE CANCELLED!!!
WEEK FOUR, MEETINGS 6, 7: January 31, February 2

[WQ&I. EGELAND: TWO QUOTES (‘Q’), ONE INSIGHT (‘!’), ONE QUESTION (‘?’); DUTTON: ONE Q, ONE !, ONE ?;
GILLIGAN: TWO Qs, ONE !, ONE ?; ONE DEFINITION (‘D’) = 12.]

Egeland. “A history of abuse is a major risk factor for abusing…” in Current, 197-208.
[I will email you the e-reserve address for this reading when it becomes available.]


http://ereserve.lib.utah.edu/ereserve/trms/annual/FCS/3905/Herrin/am.pdf


WEEK FIVE, MEETINGS 8, 9: February 7, 9

[WQ&I. GILLIGAN: ONE Q, ONE !, ONE ?; DUTTON: ONE Q, ONE !, ONE ?; TANGNEY: ONE Q, ONE !, ONE ?; ONE D = 10.]


Dutton. “Shame: The father’s contribution” in Batterer, 78-93.

[I will email you the e-reserve address for this reading when it becomes available.]

FEBRUARY 16 ☞ PRESIDENT’S DAY HOLIDAY — NO CLASS — HAVE SOME FUN!!! ☜

WEEK SIX, MEETINGS 10, 11: February 14, 16

[WQ&I. BAUMEISTER: THREE QS, ONE !, ONE ?; GILLIGAN: ONE Q, ONE !, ONE ?; ONE D = 9.]


Gilligan. “The symbolism of punishment” in Violence, 139-153 [WARNING: other chapter pages are fairly graphic].

WEEK SEVEN, MEETING 12: February 23

[WQ&I. BAUMEISTER: ONE Q, ONE !, ONE ?; GILLIGAN: ONE Q, ONE !, ONE ?; ONE D = 7.]


Gilligan. “How to increase the rate of violence — and why” in Violence, 163-mid 164, mid 181-190 [WARNING: other chapter pages are quite graphic].

WEEK EIGHT, MEETINGS 13, 14: February 28, March 2

[WQ&I. BECK: TWO QS, ONE !, ONE ?; GILLIGAN: ONE Q, ONE !, ONE ?; ONE D = 8.]


Gilligan. “Culture, gender, and violence: ‘We are not women’” in Violence, 225-239.

MARCH 4 !!!REMINDER: LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM TERM COURSES!!!
WEEK NINE, MEETINGS 15, 16: March 7, 9


MARCH 14 - 18 ◆ SEMESTER BREAK — NO CLASS — HAVE SOME FUN!!! ◆

WEEK TEN, MEETINGS 17, 18: March 21, 23


WEEK ELEVEN, MEETINGS 19, 20: March 28, 30

  
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WEEK TWELVE, MEETINGS 21, 22: April 4, 6


WEEK THIRTEEN, MEETINGS 23, 24: April 11, 13

WEEK FOURTEEN, MEETINGS 25, 26: April 18, 20

Miller, Alice. “It is never right to hit a child.” Interview with Alice Miller by Noreen Taylor. This article appeared in the September 7, 1999, *Times of London*, in a slightly shortened version. (4pp)

[Dobson, James C. (1997). Excerpts from *Solid answers: America’s foremost family counselor responds to tough questions facing today’s families*. Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. [I will email this to you.]


WEEK FIFTEEN, MEETINGS 27, 28: April 25, 27


Craig. “Thoughts on punishment” in *Raising*, 95-98.

Kvols, Kathryn. 9 Things to do Instead of Spanking.

Ten Keys to Successful Parenting

Deciding to Spare the Rod

Solter, Aletha. “Twenty alternatives to punishment.”