PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND FULLY. IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PRINT IT OUT, SO YOU WILL HAVE IT RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU IN CASE YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT ANYTHING.

Quick overview of course: 1) 3 assignments for each chapter; 2) 4 exams; 3) 1 paper - all information regarding the course is listed below

Instructor:  Traci Elliott
Class:  Marriage and the Family 2301IN
Time:  Internet
Office Location:  Alvin Community College/Pearland College Center
Office hours:  I will check my WebCT email at least once a day Monday-Friday. You should have a response from me within 48 hours Monday-Friday by 5pm. If you email me something after 5pm on Friday, you will not have a response until Monday. The quickest and best way to get in touch with me would be through WebCT email or at telliott@alvincollege.edu (only if there is a problem with WebCT email.)
Telephone:  My telephone number at ACC is 281-756-3724 – Patty Balderas will take a message and give it to me.

Course Description:  A contemporary study of the freedom and growth potential of the individual in marriage and family life, this course explores the many parameters of the marital and parental relationships, and it places emphasis on raising current questions with comprehensive examination of the values and goals of the individual as well as the institution of the family. This course is divided into four sections with an exam after each one. As an internet class, you are responsible for the material from the book and WebCT assignments.

Required Text:  Marriages and Families: Making Choices in a Diverse Society 9th ed. by Lamanna and Riedmann - available at the bookstore. Please make sure that the code is with your book before you leave the bookstore – if it comes with one. They are very strict on their return policy, so if you buy the wrong book, they may not take it back and there is nothing I can do about that.

Cheating and Plagiarism:  Alvin Community College prohibits cheating and plagiarism. If you are caught you will be punished according to Alvin Community College policy.

Alvin Community College offers assistance to physically challenged and learning disabled students. Please email or call me if you need any assistance.
Course Requirements: This course consists of class assignments through WebCT, a paper, and exams.

Grading: Class assignments will be worth 54 points, exams will be worth 9 points each and the paper will be worth 10 points. That is a total of 100 points. If you do every class assignment by the due date and there is not a problem with them, you will receive 1 point for each one. You are responsible for knowing if you have turned in all of your assignments. There is now a column per assignment under the grading section to help you to keep track of what you have turned in. Of course, if you have any questions about that, I will be happy to answer them for you. For each assignment that you do not turn in, you will lose 1 point. Exam grades are calculated as follows: If you make an 87/B on an exam it will be multiplied by .09 to get the points calculation – which for an 87 would be 7.83 points out of 9.00 points. All the points for exams, assignments and the paper will be totaled up at the end of the semester for your final grade.

Incompletes are only given for very extreme circumstances – family emergency, illness, accident, etc. The withdraw date is November 10, 2006.

****It would be a good idea for you to email me as soon as you receive this package, so I know you have successfully logged onto WebCT. ****

I can only answer class related questions regarding the material. Any technical questions regarding WebCT should be directed to the Distance Education Department 281-756-3728.

CLASS ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION:

There are 3 assignments for each chapter. You will find 2 assignments for each chapter listed under the assignments tab in WebCT. Each assignment will be listed by chapter number so they will be easy to find. The third assignment is discussion questions for each chapter. You will find them under the discussions tab in WebCT.

There is a column under the grading tab for every assignment and exam, so you can keep track of what you have turned in.

ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES:
Due dates for chapters 1-4: September 20th
Due dates for chapters 5-9: October 18th
Due dates for chapters 10-14: November 15th
Due dates for chapters 15-18: December 1st

Please note: WebCT will not let you submit an assignment after the due date. I will not change due dates in WebCT for any student.
your assignment is late, you will not receive the point for that assignment!!

EXAM INFORMATION:

VERY IMPORTANT- YOU WILL FIND THE EXAMS UNDER THE ASSESSMENT TAB IN WEBCT.

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Exams will be online beginning this August 24th thru December 6th until 11:55pm. Since the exams are online, there can be no review for them. The computer automatically generates a new and random question exam for each student, so no 2 exams will ever be the same. The exams will consist of 50 multiple choice questions. The questions are worth 2 points each.

Exams and Exam Policy:
There are four exams. Each exam will be worth 9.0 points – for a total of 36 points. Exams will consist of multiple choice and/or true/false questions.

Grades per the college are:

- A 90-100
- B 80-89
- C 70-79
- D 60-69 (below 60 is an F)

THE PAPER

The paper need to be at least 5 pages double spaced with 1 inch margins. Please email your paper as a .doc document. It is due on October 25th. PENALTY WILL BE 5 POINTS FOR EACH DAY LATE.
Here is what the paper should be about:
What do you look for in a partner? Include the physical and nonphysical attributes you look for. What are the important issues that need to be discussed before marriage? Think about this question - use your experience, friends, or families experiences. How do you or would you handle conflict or crisis in your marriage/relationship? What makes a successful marriage/relationship?