

FS214 (CRN# 32155) Hybrid Distance Education
Family, Relationships and Intimacy
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W E L C O M E . . .

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of some important details prior to the commencement of the course. Please read this page carefully!

In FS214 we will examine psychological, sociological and cross-cultural concepts of intimate relationships and the family unit. The course content focuses on diversity within and the development of committed relationships and the family; particular emphasis is given to intimacy dynamics, communication processes, and the assessment of functionality and wellness.

This section of FS214 is a Hybrid Distance Education course, combining both traditional classroom and distance education instruction. In order to remain enrolled in this course, students must attend ALL mandatory meetings listed below. There will be a total of six face-to-face class meetings, all of which will take place on the San Luis Obispo campus and all of which are mandatory. Any registered student who fails to appear at the first mandatory meeting will be dropped from the course, no exceptions. Students wishing to add the course must be in attendance at the first mandatory meeting, but please note that one's attendance at this meeting does not guarantee that one will be added.

A Mandatory Orientation is scheduled for January 22nd from 9:30 to 11am in rm. 4028, Bldg. 4000. The additional Mandatory classroom meetings are held in room 4028, Bldg. 4000, from 9:30-11am on the following dates: March 5th, April 2nd, April 23rd, April 30th and May 14th.

There is nothing required of you until the first mandatory meeting, at which we shall discuss how to access the course home page, course assignments and course logistics.

Please note: although this hybrid distance education course offers greater flexibility in terms of time management, there is a greater amount of reading and writing than a traditional course.

Office Hours

- Virtual office hours: I am available through email should you have any questions or concerns you wish to discuss. I will make every attempt to respond within 24 hours Monday-Friday. Additionally, if there is an emergency, you may leave a message on my office phone @ 805.546-3263 x2644.

Required Reading

- Intimate Relationships, Marriages & Families, 7th edition, Mary Kay DeGenova, 2008. Weekly reading and writing are required.

Access to the Course

- This course requires you to have reliable access to the Internet and an e-mail account. Please be aware that, since Cuesta College provides me with your college-generated e-mail address, this is the only email address I will use when I need to contact you. Thus, you will need to do one of two things: either (a) check your Cuesta College e-mail account regularly, or (b) arrange for messages to be forwarded from your Cuesta College e-mail account to your personal e-mail account. Below are minimum computer requirements for this course.

Windows:

Microsoft Windows 98 2nd Edition or newer

- o Intel Pentium-II or higher
- o Netscape 4.0 or greater
- o Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 or greater
- o AOL 4.0 or greater

Macintosh:

MAC OS 9 or newer

- o Power Macintosh power PC processor (G3 or higher recommended)
- o Netscape 4.0 or greater
- o Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.5 or greater
- o AOL 4.0 or greater

DSL or cable connection is preferred, but 56K telephone modem may be sufficient.

Adobe Acrobat Reader: Most recent free version can be downloaded from:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Accommodations

- If you have a disability and need accommodations in this class, please contact the instructor as soon as possible so that you can receive appropriate accommodations in a timely manner.