

Welcome to Online Family Studies 12

Course Outline

Goals

The aim of Family Studies is to help you:

- develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes you need to make informed decisions in life and to understand the effects of your decisions on yourself and others
- develop an understanding of your changing responsibilities to yourself, family members and friends
- to learn the importance of effective communication¹



Grading

Assignments are worth 50% of your grade, and the Exams are worth 50%.

Assignments

The Assignments will give you the chance to practice the skills presented in the Lessons that they include. The Lessons are designed to help you the skills you to complete the assignments. Some lessons in this course include video clips. If you are unable to view them on your home or other computer, you may come in and use the student computers at either Room 183— New Westminster Secondary School (high school students) or the Columbia Square Adult Learning Centre (adults). You will submit the Assignments using the online system. They are divided into two Modules:

Module 1: Family in Society

Module 2: Interpersonal and Family Relationships

Within the Modules, the Assignments will appear in groups of 3-8. Once you've completed an assignment, it will be sent to the instructor for marking. Once all marks have been entered for the assignment group, new assignments will show up.

If you need extra help, onsite tutoring is available at both locations. You are always welcome to contact your instructor by e-mail or to drop in to the Learning Centre. Remember: it's our job to assist you, so be sure to ask for help when you need it!

Exams

At the end of each module, there is an Exam. The Exams will be written at either Room 183 at New Westminster Secondary School or the Columbia Square Adult Learning Centre. Once you have completed all the assignments in a module, the exams section (on the home page) will provide all the information you need to schedule your exams.

Cheating and Plagiarism

This program has zero tolerance for cheating and plagiarism (submitting work that is not in your own words without giving credit). If you cheat on or plagiarize an assignment, it will receive a mark of zero with no chance to re-write it. A second incidence will result in your removal from the course, with no chance to re-take it.

To Begin

Go to your Activation Assignment (under "Module 1" on the Homepage—there are two parts) and follow the instructions. All the best!

¹ Adapted from the British Columbia Ministry of Education's Family Studies 10 to 12 Integrated Resource Package (2007), (pp. 4-5)