

COURSE CODE:	HSM 203
COURSE TITLE:	MARRIAGE AND FAMILY RELATIONS
NUMBER OF UNITS:	2 UNITS
COURSE DURATION:	

COURSE DETAILS:

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COURSE CONTENT:

Definition of concept, family, marriage and kinship. Processes of mate selection. Preparation for marriage adjustment and interaction in marriage. Laws and customs affecting marriage in different cultures with special emphasis on Nigeria's marriage and family institution. An introduction to the family structure function and interaction. Special attention will be given to the life cycle of the family from birth through bereavement.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Define the concept family, marriage and kinship
- Explain the processes of mate selection
- Discuss the preparation for marriage with adjustment and interaction for successful marriage.
- Enumerate the laws and custom that affect marriage in different cultures with special emphasis in Nigeria marriage and family institution.
- Explain different family structure, various function and interaction.

READING LIST:

LECTURE NOTES

Lecture I

INTRODUCTION – MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

- Concepts – Family, marriage and kinship
- The number and kinds of women or men involved in marriage.
- Others forms of marriage
- Characteristics of the family
- Kinship in unit and extended family

Lecture II

MATE SELECTION

- Mate selection by parental arrangement
- Mate selection by mutual choice
- Homogenous factors in mate selection

Lecture III

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

- Factors responsible for successful marriage

Lecture IV

FINAL PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE

- Mode of contracting marriage
- Importance of marriage

Lecture V

LAWS AND CUSTOMS

- Various laws and customs of marriage in different culture emphasis on Urhobo and Kanuri family in Nigeria.

Lecture VI

FAMILY STRUCTURE

- Types and composition of families
- Role distribution in the family
- Functions of the family

Lecture VII

FAMILY CYCLE

- Interaction between the family
- Relationship and benefits within the family cycle from birth to bereavement

REFERENCES

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Positive outlook of Marriage and family life in the New Millennium by Ano Julie Larai

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