



**Family Violence: 3345A, 530**  
**Department of Family Studies**

**Lectures: Monday-Thursday, May 15 to June 1, 2023**  
**Delivery: Online asynchronous and synchronous, online classes every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.**  
**The 1<sup>st</sup> hour you will watch the lecture posted on OWL, and at 2 pm I will meet with the class on zoom for an hour, review the material and we will apply it to discussions and exercises.**  
**There will be a link to the lectures under the Course Content tab**

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**Prerequisite:** 1.0 units of Family Studies 2000-level courses, or enrolment in third or fourth year of the Major in Law, Crime, and Deviance or Honors Specialization in Crime and Communities modules, or permission of instructor.

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Family violence is a social problem that affects all of us and has serious personal, social and material ramifications. This course will examine the extent and nature of various forms of family violence across the life course. This course will examine the theoretical perspectives on family violence, the impact on victims, families and society, the typologies of abuse, disclosure issues and the role of media. Topics will include intimate partner violence, physical & sexual child abuse, parent abuse and elder abuse, with an emphasis on the prevalence, incidence, causes, consequences and solutions for each.

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this course you will be able to:

1. Identify the sociological and feminist theoretical views of various forms of family violence across the life span.
2. Understand the prevalence and incidence and dynamics of intimate partner violence.
3. Understand the impact of domestic violence on child development.
4. Understand the prevalence, incidence and dynamics of child physical, sexual abuse and neglect.
5. Understand the nature and consequences of sibling and parent abuse.
6. Understand the dynamics of elder abuse.
7. Recognize and consider the role of media in perpetuating violence in society.
8. Consider the personal and institutional interventions that are employed to end family violence.
9. Consider solutions to ending family violence.

## **Brescia Competencies (mapped onto Learning Outcomes and Assessments)**

10. Identify the sociological and feminist theoretical views of various forms of family violence across the life span (inquiry and analysis level 2 and 3, critical thinking level 3, valuing level 2).
11. Understand the prevalence and incidence and dynamics of intimate partner violence (inquiry and analysis level 2, critical thinking level 3).
12. Understand the impact of domestic violence on child development (inquiry and analysis level 2, critical thinking level 3, valuing level 2).
13. Understand the prevalence, incidence and dynamics of child physical, sexual abuse and neglect (inquiry and analysis, critical thinking).
14. Understand the nature and consequences of sibling and parent abuse, (inquiry and analysis, critical thinking).
15. Understand the dynamics of elder abuse, (inquiry and analysis, critical thinking, self awareness level 2, valuing level 2, communication level 2).
16. Recognize and consider the role of media in perpetuating violence in society, (social awareness and engagement level 2, inquiry and analysis level 2, critical thinking level 3).
17. Consider the personal and institutional interventions that are employed to end family violence, (social awareness and engagement level 2, inquiry and analysis level 3, critical thinking level 3).
18. Consider solutions to ending family violence (social awareness and engagement level 2, inquiry and analysis level 2, critical thinking level 3).

## **REQUIRED TEXT**

Momirov Julianne, with Duffy Ann, Family Violence: A Canadian Introduction, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Toronto, ON: James Lorimer and Company Publishers, 2011. (isbn 1-55277-902-6).

**Note:** Various other readings will be posted on the outline each week.

## **Expectations of Students:**

Expectations of students regarding use of OWL: All course information (items may include power point slides, syllabus, announcements, pre-recorded information from instructor) will be posted to OWL. It is your responsibility to be using / checking the OWL course site on a regular basis. A large amount of material for this class is covered in the textbook, plus videos, and activities, all completed online. Quizzes will cover all assigned reading materials and all other assigned class material. Expectations of students regarding course work: Students are expected to complete all course work, on time, as assigned. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate and timely access to the internet and a computer to complete the requirements of this course. Technical issues (internet connection etc.) is not an acceptable reason to miss a deadline. Quizzes will be time limited once underway.

If assignment is late, there will be a 1 mark per day deduction, including weekends. If you require an Academic Accommodation, please refer to this section contained in this syllabus.

## **E-MAIL**

I would ask that you use e-mail for addressing administrative issues about the course and arranging to meet with me. I will do my best to respond to e-mail messages within 24 hours. Please use "Family Violence 3345 A as part of the subject line.

## **OFFICE HOURS**

I will be available by appointment on zoom.

## **LECTURE ETIQUETTE**

Some of the specific things that you can do to help with learning in this course include:

(1) Regularly attending classes Monday to Wednesday per week, as well as watching recorded lectures (2) Staying on top of the readings, this is particularly important with the course being completed in three weeks (3) Keeping good lecture and reading notes; (4) Participating in the applied learning exercises; (5) Contacting your professor when you need extra help.

Please participate during the synchronous lectures and keep your camera on.

No recording is allowed during these classes due to the nature of classroom discussions and the likelihood students will share personal experiences.

### **Teaching Methodology**

Given that this half course is taught over three weeks, it is important to attend the weekly lectures, watch the recorded lectures, and complete readings each week. The lectures are posted on the OWL site and are broken into approximately one hour lectures. Many of the lectures include videos that illuminate the topic.

### **Copyright and Intellectual Property**

**PowerPoint lecture slides and notes, lists of readings, in-class activities, assignment guidelines, and other components of the course materials are typically the intellectual property of the instructor. Unauthorized reproduction through audio-recording, and video-recording, photographing, sharing on social media, or posting on course-sharing websites is an infringement of copyright and is prohibited. Such action may be considered a Code of Conduct violation and lead to sanctions.**

### **Course Management Policy**

**The course involves a large commitment of student participation and reading on your own.** You are advised to attend to every lecture and view every media presentation, as well as participate in class activities at various levels. Missed lectures and any material given in class are the responsibility of the student, not the professor. Please don't email me to ask what you missed in class, rather refer to the course content tab to determine what you have missed.

Late submission of an assignment by due date will result in a deduction of 1/2 mark per day for each day beyond the deadline except when the instructor recognizes that there are legitimate and documented exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious illness, death in the family).

Please note: All written assignments should be typed, **double-spaced** and submitted both through the Assignment tab in OWL on the due date. They should have a title page with your name and the assignment name. Please attach the assignment as a word document, don't answer the assignment in the space.

The written work will be evaluated on both of content and style. Your demonstrated ability to apply and integrate the conceptual materials learned from the course is one of the important aspects of evaluation. The other aspects centre on organization of the contents and professional writing, including coherent, concise, comprehensive, spelling, grammar, punctuation, pagination, paragraphing, use of headings when necessary, precise citation and referencing.

<p><b>Week 1,</b></p> <p><b>Classes</b> <b>May 15<sup>th</sup> to</b> <b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>from 2-3pm</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to class (assignments, expectations)</li> <li>• What do all the terms mean (family violence, domestic violence, woman abuse, intimate partner violence)</li> <li>• Nature and Scope of problem,</li> <li>• Understanding family violence from a psychological, sociological, perspective</li> <li>• The Impact on Society</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding Intimate Partner Violence</li> <li>• Dating Violence</li> <li>• Why is context, meaning and effect important to understand</li> </ul> <p><u>Weekly Reading:</u></p> <p>Momirov/Duffy (2011): Understanding family violence from a societal perspective (pp. 7-66 and 143-191).</p> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <p>Chapter 2, Family Violence article in the resource folder, there is a link to this on the course content tab. The authors are Perrin and Perrin</p> <p><b>May 18<sup>th</sup> -First Quiz 35 questions, multiple choice 20 and 15 true/false- Quiz will be posted from 1-1:35 on OWL, please don't be late as it auto closes at 1:35 pm. This is a closed book test.</b></p>
<p><b>Week 2</b></p> <p><b>Classes</b> <b>May 22<sup>th</sup></b> <b>and May 24</b> <b>2:00-3:00</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding abusive behaviour</li> <li>• How we deal with domestic violence, the criminal justice system, family court systems</li> <li>• Impact of witnessing or being exposed to domestic violence for</li> <li>• Children</li> <li>• The role of child welfare and family court systems</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special considerations for violence involving Aboriginal women and immigrant women</li> <li>• The role of the workplace in intimate partner violence</li> <li>• Child abuse: physical, sexual, emotional</li> </ul> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <p>Momirov/Duffy (2011), Chapter 3: Child abuse: The denial of childhood (pp. 67-105).</p> <p><b>May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> quiz on OWL, 20 mc, 15 t/f, the quiz will start at 1 and end at 1:35</b></p>
<p><b>Week 3</b></p> <p><b>May 29<sup>th</sup> to</b> <b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sibling Abuse</li> <li>• Parent Abuse</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elder Abuse</li> <li>• Same Sex Couples</li> <li>• Looking for Solutions: Personal interventions, societal changes</li> </ul> <p><u>Readings:</u></p> <p>Momirov/Duffy (2011), Chapter 4 (pp. 107-142) , Chapter 6: Looking for Solutions pp. 192-240). And Chapter 7: Ending Family Violence (pp. 241-247)</p> <p><b>Final Quiz will be on June 1 from 1 to 1:35</b></p>
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### Evaluation:

1. **Weekly exams on the Thursday of each week. The material for each quiz will come from the lectures posted that week. There is no cumulative quiz. The format will be multiple choice and true/false. Each exam will be worth 20% of your mark. Brescia Competencies: Critical thinking level 2 and 3, inquiry and analysis level 2, problem solving level 2.**
2. **Class Assignments: 20% - Each week on Monday a question will be posted on the assignment tab and you will have till Friday of that week at 6 pm to complete an up to 3 page double spaced answer. Each answer will be marked out of 10. The mark will be based on the succinctness and thoroughness of the response, the ability to apply the information from the class materials, text book or other references. Please ensure that you have proof-read the answer for typos and grammatical errors. Critical thinking level 2 and 3, inquiry and analysis level 2, problem solving level 2, self awareness level 2, valuing level 2, communication level 2.**
3. **Public Service Ad: you will create a public service prevention ad on any of the violence topics we have discussed, in addition, you will do a 5 minute presentation on either May 30<sup>th</sup> or May 31<sup>st</sup>. A written paper describing how you made the ad (including where you got the image, how you adapted it for your ad, and why you chose the prevention message you did, will be handed in on June 1st, 2022. The presentation will be on zoom, and you will share your ad through a powerpoint presentation. The powerpoint presentation and paper will be submitted on the OWL assignment tab course site 6 pm on June 2nd. A rubric is posted in the resource folder, along with an example of an ad and an ad paper. If you are unable to present the ad in class, you will lose the 8 marks available for that part of the assignment. Critical thinking level 3, inquiry and analysis level 2, problem solving level 2, valuing level 2, communication level 2.**

## **Written Assignment 20% of your grade: Ad Presentations**

The topic areas to select from are:

Intimate partner  
violence

Child Physical Abuse

Child Sexual Abuse

Child Emotional Abuse

Sibling Abuse

Dating Violence

Elder Abuse

Domestic Violence and  
the Workplace

Parent Abuse

Indigenous Woman  
Abuse

Immigrant Woman  
Abuse

Same Sex Intimate  
Partner Abuse

### **Class Assignments:**

During the 3 weeks of this course we will have 3 class assignments questions that will be posted in the assignment tab in OWL on Mondays. You will have until Friday at 6 pm to answer the question and post your answer in a word document on the assignment tab of OWL. Each question is worth 10 marks and together the three questions will be worth 20% of your mark. Late submissions will result in a ½ mark late penalty each day it is overdue.

## 2022-23 Brescia University College Academic Policies and Regulations

### 1. Policy Regarding Academic Accommodation

The complete policy regarding Accommodation for Illness - Undergraduate Students can be found at

[https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_135](https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_135)

Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions which may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities should seek Academic Accommodation through Student Accessibility Services

([https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_10](https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10)).

Personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are not grounds for academic accommodation.

Students who experience an illness or extenuating circumstance sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

1. For medical absences, submitting a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner;
2. For non-medical absences, submitting appropriate documentation (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Advisor to clarify what documentation is acceptable.

#### **Request for Academic Consideration for a Medical Absence**

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation must be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation.

Academic accommodation for illness will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated.

The following conditions apply for students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds:



1. Students must submit their Student Medical Certificate (SMC) along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. An SMC can be downloaded from [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf);
2. In cases where there might be an extended absence or serious issue, students should submit their documentation promptly and consult their Academic Advisor for advice during their recovery period;
3. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, scheduled tests or examinations, and other academic requirements;
4. Students must communicate with their instructors no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the SMC to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence;
5. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office/Academic Advisor in consultation with the course instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements, arranging Special Exams (make-ups), re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawal without academic penalty.

## 2. Academic Concerns

If you feel that you have a medical or personal challenge that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds are not normally considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor ([https://brescia.uwo.ca/enrolment\\_services/academic\\_advising/book\\_an\\_appointment.php](https://brescia.uwo.ca/enrolment_services/academic_advising/book_an_appointment.php)). If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines; please contact your Academic Advisor or see the list of sessional dates in the Academic Calendar (<https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>).

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

### 3. Absences

**Short Absences:** If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Please note that for asynchronous online courses, attendance or participation requirements maybe different than for synchronous or in-person courses.

**Extended Absences:** If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work, and arrange academic accommodations if appropriate and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory ([https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_64](https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_64)).

### 4. Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at: [https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_20](https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20).

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Academic Dean's Office, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

## **Plagiarism:**

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com.

## **Computer-marked Tests/exams:**

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. **Software** currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

## **5. Procedures for Appealing Academic Evaluations**

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal is to be sent to the School Chair. If the response of the Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then submit a written appeal to the Office of the Dean. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean, they may appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA), if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and if the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the SRBA. For information on academic appeals consult your Academic Advisor or see the Student Academic Appeals – Undergraduate in the Academic Calendar

[https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_14](https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14).

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices.

## **6. Prerequisites**

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written Special Permission from the Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your

fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisite(s).

## **7. Support**

### Support Services

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. Students can access supports through Brescia's Student Life Centre (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/student-life/>) and Learning Development & Success at Western (<https://www.uwo.ca/sdc/learning/>).

### **Mental Health and Wellness**

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can obtain information about how to obtain help for yourself or others through Health & Wellness at Brescia, [https://brescia.uwo.ca/student\\_life/health\\_and\\_wellness/index.php](https://brescia.uwo.ca/student_life/health_and_wellness/index.php)

and Health and Wellness at Western,  
[http://uwo.ca/health/mental\\_wellbeing/index.html](http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html).

### **Sexual Violence**

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the **prevention of, and** response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at [https://brescia.uwo.ca/safe\\_campus/sexual\\_violence/index.php](https://brescia.uwo.ca/safe_campus/sexual_violence/index.php).

Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy, and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations. This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.