# **Human Relationships**

½ Credit
1 Semester

**Text:** Families Today by Connie R. Sasse, c. 2000

Prerequisite: None

# **Course Description:**

This class discusses the importance of the individual in regards to self, family, and society. The student is an integral part of the success of his/her role as son/daughter, friend, husband/wife, unmarried, mother/father, non-worker/worker, and consumer. The problem-solving and decision-making should make a person all that he/she can be. The handling of various uncontrollable situations (roadblocks) are discussed/strategized in a pro-active manner.

#### **Course Content:**

This course covers material related to the teenagers role in his/her family, school, community, and nation. The relationships that will be encountered as adults are introduced, discussed, and problem-solved. Students learn the various means to have a high quality of life of community, education, etc.

Students will have videos, assignments, projects, group participation, oral presentations, and exam assessments of objectives.

### **Course expectations:**

Expectations are for the student to actively participate, be prepared, and observe the rights and responsibilities of himself/herself. The student will accept the viewpoint that all opinions matter and everyone has his/her opinion concerning issues.

### Grades:

Grades for the class will be by study guides (varying points), group projects (varying points), current events portfolios (300 points), projects (varying points from 100-500 points), quizzes and exams (100-300 points), and oral presentations (varying points from 100-200 points).

## **Course Objectives:**

- 1. the importance of families and the different family styles which are determined by many different factors---religion, culture, ethnicity, etc.
- 2. families in the changing world of technology
- 3. personal roles and relationships in friendships, family, school, community and work
- 4. the importance of effective nonverbal/verbal communication
- 5. conflict resolution

- 6. building relationships by interest and activity
- 7. problem-solving as a key to learning from positive and negative experiences
- 8. managing and usage of technology for health, entertainment, environment, safety & security, privacy, cost, and access to information
- 9. balancing the many roles we have as adults for a healthy physical and mental well-being
- 10. single life and independency
- 11. possible married life and the growth of the family unit from beginning stage to retirement stage
- 12. understanding the statistics and problems of divorce and remarriage
- 13. relating to the elder population
- 14. death and dying of both young and old—support groups, grieving, moving on, and prevention of one's health physically and mentally after a loss
- 15. working with others in a team, job, or family
- 16. understanding real love versus an infatuation
- 17. understanding sexuality and the importance of sound decisions---abstinence is the only birth control method before marriage as prescribed by district philosophy
- 18. development of character, morals, opinions, value systems, etc. by various influences—not everyone has the same system that is used
- 19. personality traits and the importance of acceptance
- 20. developing a positive optimistic attitude
- 21. the direct relationship of stress upon one's physical, intellectual, emotional, and social areas
- 22. supporting one's community in regards to responsibilities, rights, and altruistic endeavors
- 23. managing money and one's consumer role in our society
- 24. planning for the future and preparing for a future that will make one happy and a valuable asset to his/her community and nation