Course Description
A review of the major theories of family systems development with emphasis on a critical analysis of these theories from an orthodox Christian perspective (Course Catalog).

Course goal
The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to family systems theory, which will give the students a paradigm from which they will study multiple causes and contexts of behavior.

Course objective
Upon the completion of this course, students who faithfully attend to the requirements of the class will be able:
1. To develop an understanding and appreciation for the history and development of family systems theory.
2. To review major contemporary theoretical formulations and to critique these theories on the basis of biblical and or theological understanding of the nature of the family.
3. To develop an appreciation for the therapeutic implications of the various major theoretical approaches.
4. To review current trends and develop an understanding for the direction of future research and development in the field of family therapy.
5. To describe the theoretical framework of systemic family therapy and the basic assumptions underlying these frameworks.
6. To articulate and integrate the problem of paradox and theoretical inconsistencies related to therapeutic relationships.

Require Course Textbooks

Recommended Course Textbook