

Syllabus

Course Organization

The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in AAH 3204. The course grade will be based on problem sets, a referee report, and a research proposal to be presented in class.

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My office hours are by appointment or walk-in if my door is open. A web site for this course will be maintained on Blackboard.

Preliminary List of Course Topics

1 Basics of Family Decision Making

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