

FACS 2293
Introduction to Marriage and Family
Guidelines for Abstracts

1. Select a family issue/social problem from a research journal. We will discuss appropriate sources in class.
2. The body of the abstract should be a summary of the article explaining:
 - a. **Purpose:** The purpose of the study may be stated as an aim, objective, goal, or inferred from a statement of the problem. What questions are posed?
 - b. **Subjects:** The term “subjects” refers to the sample under study. A description of age, sex, race or any other characteristic should be included.
 - c. **Procedure:** This includes a description of the instrument or measuring devices, the variables that were measured, the materials that were used, or the way in which the study attempted to reach its purpose. Were any theories related to marriage and family used to frame the study?
 - d. **Results:** What actual data or findings did the author report?
 - e. **Conclusions:** What were the implications of the study in regard to the social problem? Did the author make any recommendations concerning the social problem?
 - f. **Evaluation:** What is your critical appraisal of the article? Include your personal reaction to the article: Did you agree or disagree with the implications? Why or why not?
3. Include a reference page in APA style. List the reference including the author’s last name, his/her initials, year of publication, the title of the article, the name of the journal, the journal volume and page numbers (use APA style). For information on APA, go to www.APASTYLE.org. This website has examples of how to cite and provide reference information for electronic media.
4. Abstracts should include a cover page with title of article, student name, course information, & due date. Papers should be at 2-3 pages of double-spaced text (the cover page and reference page are separate), 12 point font, with one-inch margins. Arial or Times New Roman font is acceptable.
5. Articles should be submitted with the abstract.
6. Evaluation will be based on the above criteria as well as accuracy, thoroughness of summary, presentation of work including grammar and neatness.