

DOBSON FAMILY ADVOCACY, PUBLIC POLICY & THE FUTURE (DBFA)

DBFA 600 Family, Faith and the Future: Worldview 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course examines conflicting worldviews regarding marriage and family and provides an opportunity for students to apply evaluative research in considering the implications of human services from a Judeo-Christian perspective when biblical worldviews and cultural worldviews conflict. Philosophical, political or legal influences, ethical concerns, and multicultural factors are also considered.

Offered: Online

DBFA 605 Public Policy and Advocacy Strategies 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course provides an interdisciplinary review of public policies examining the perspectives of the Judeo-Christian heritage of America's founding principles influenced by government policies and contemporary social problems of marriages and families in the 21st century. Implementation to ethical advocacy methods and multicultural evaluations helps to examine specific policy contributions to theology and government.

Offered: Online

DBFA 610 Divorce, Marriage and Blended Families 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course prepares students to address multiple factors contributing to the breakdown of a family and draws upon current findings in marriage and family research, as well as psychological literature to identify significant influences and outcomes of divorce. Attention is given to the reconstructed family exposing those treatments found to be most effective for stability and satisfaction.

Offered: Online

DBFA 615 Child/Adolescent Development, Deviance and Violence 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course explores the foundational theoretical models giving explanation to the issues and challenges associated with child and adolescent development. Attention is given to the perspectives of both child and parent with a focus on effective intervention at the familial and sociological levels. Informed by systems theory and empirically supported treatment approaches, the student will emerge with a strong appreciation for the continuum of care in diverse ecclesial and professional settings.

Offered: Online

DBFA 620 Research and Emerging Paradigms in Marriage and Family Studies 3 Credit Hour(s)

This course explores the causes of divorce, the psychological consequences for both children and parents, factors that challenge positive adjustment after a divorce, and strategies for successful remarriage. Other public policy and legislative issues related to marriage and the family are further examined, as well as legal, cultural, and theological implications for the 21st century. Ethical concerns and multicultural factors are also considered.

Offered: Online