**BCP 3212 Psychology and Marriage**

**Course aim:**

The course will help students understand psychological issues surrounding the institution of marriage and provide them with knowledge on key marriage issues e.g selection of a partner, power in marriage, sexuality, parenthood, commitment and conflict.

**Course Content:**

The course will include topics like;Definitions / Explanations and Types of marriage; single hood, dating and mate selection; cohabitation, marriage and early married life; power in marriage including Balance of power in marriage and Ways of power outcomes; parenthood, Child in marriage, Remaining childless in marriage, Adjustments to parenthood i.e motherhood / fatherhood; sexual values and behaviors, Premarital intercourse, Marital intercourse, Marital intercourse, Extra – marital intercourse; commitment to marriage, Selecting a compatible partner, Commuter marriages; conflict in marriage, Types of marriage conflicts, Causes of marriage conflicts, Violence and abuse, Approaches to conflict resolution; divorce and adjustment, Cause of divorce, characteristics of divorced people and Consequences of divorce; qualities of a good marriage relationship

**Reading List**

Fuller George (1991). The negotiators hand book ; Englewood Cliffs: Prentice

Hall.

Christian H.G Luis Robert (1988). The Outstanding negotiator: How to develop

your arguing power, London: Piatikins

Larry cairns (1996). Negotiation skills in the work place: A practical hand book,

London : Pluto Press.