



COURSE OUTLINE

SOCI 203

SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

**45 HOURS
3 CREDITS**

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APPLIED ARTS DIVISION
SOCI 203
3 credit course
Winter Semester, 2016

SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

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DATES: January 7-April 27, 2016,
Tuesdays and Thursdays

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Using a comparative approach, this course offers a preliminary examination of several sociological perspectives on families, emphasizing current changes and trends, institutional characteristics, and research conducted in Canada on various aspects of families. The course focusses on families in Canada, incorporating multidimensional analyses and discussions of cross-cultural world views (including indigenous world views) as they relate to the family and historical elements in Canadian society. This course also includes reflections on families in a global context.

PREREQUISITES

SOCI 100 or equivalent

RELATED COURSE REQUIREMENTS

None

EQUIVALENCY OR TRANSFERABILITY

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| AU | SOCI 2XX (3) | CAPU | SOC 2XX (3) | CNC | SOC 230 (3) |
| COTR | SOCI 2XX (3) | KPU | SOCI 2250 (3) | NIC | SOC 2XX (3) |
| NVIT | SOCI 2XX (3) | OC | SOCI 2XX (3) | SFU | SA 2SOCI (3) |
| TRU-OL | SOCI 2XX1 (3) | May not receive additional credit for TRU-OL SOCI 4301 (3) | | | |
| TWU | SOCI 221 (3) | UBC | SOCI 200 (3) | UCW | SOCI 2XX (3) |

UFV SOC 2XX (3)

UNBC SOSC 2XX (3)

UVIC SOCI 205 (1.5)

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to

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- analyse and evaluate research on family in Canada and abroad
- demonstrate an understanding of First Nations world views on family, patterns and functions through the socio-cultural, historical and political context of changes in Canadian society
- critically analyse their own views about different aspects of family lives in the context of a postmodern society (e.g., Canada) and
- objectively apply a sociological perspective and different theoretical frameworks to their knowledge of diverse multicultural and social/political aspects associated with Canadian and global families

COURSE FORMAT

Classes will consist of lectures on and discussions of the texts, readings and films/video clips specified in the course syllabus.

ASSESSMENTS

Participation

Participation in class is essential to the development of class unity and the learning process for everyone. Group discussion offers students a forum in which to express ideas and be educated through the ideas of others. We will create together a respectful environment where everyone will feel safe and encouraged to speak. This means that students and instructor must monitor their speech so as not to give more than their fair share.

Students will also write a number of short assignments demonstrating their understanding of theories about families and the practical implications of those theories in the understanding of aboriginal, non-aboriginal and immigrant families. There are no points assigned to these assignments, but performance on these short assignments (both completion and quality) will be added to the overall participation grade as a percentage. Also, these assignments will help stimulate the discussions the class.

Assignments

Students will write one research paper on a self-researched topic about Canadian

aboriginal and/or immigrant families. The paper topic must be approved by the instructor. The paper should be documented and formatted according to APA style and 12 double-spaced pages in length, excluding references.

Deadlines

Marks will be deducted for late assignments: 1 mark, out of 30, per day up to 5 days, at which time the assignment will not be accepted for marking. If delays are unavoidable because of extenuating circumstances (e.g., illness or bereavement), students must consult with the instructor and receive permission for an extension. Illness of over 2 days must be confirmed by a doctor's note.

Paper Submission

The research paper should be submitted to the Applied Arts Office or in the hallway drop box (outside the Applied Arts Office) for after-hours delivery. Office staff will date stamp the receipt of the assignment and make sure it gets to the instructor. Do not slip assignments under the instructor's office door, as they will not be dated and can go missing. Also, electronic submission of assignments to the instructor will not be accepted.

Tests

There are two exams in this course, a mid-term and a final exam. Examinations will cover lecture material, assigned readings, and possibly some film/video clip content. The mid-term exam may be composed of short questions: true/false, multiple-choice, definitions, and short essay questions. These questions cover the course to that point in the term. The final exam is scheduled during exam week. It covers the course from mid-term to near the end of term and will follow a similar format to the mid-term, covering course content from the mid-term and, possibly, overviews of the course.

Other

None

EVALUATION

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| Class participation | 10 | |
| Exam mid-term | 25 | (February 18) |
| Research Paper | 25 | (March 31) |
| Final Exam | 40 | TBA |
| TOTAL | 100 | |

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

The Family Dynamic: A Canadian Perspective, Margaret Ward (2011). Nelson. ISBN: 13: 978-0-17-65200-3

Supplementary materials: videos, excerpts from peer-reviewed journals, papers, and discussions from various sources will be used in this class. The titles and topics of

videos and video clips will be announced in advance in class. Whenever journals and papers are unavailable on the Internet, hardcopies will be distributed in class. If materials are available online, web links will be provided.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT CONDUCT

Information on academic standing and student rights and responsibilities can be found in the Academic Regulations:

http://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca//downloads/Yukon_College_Academic_Regulations_and_Procedures_-_August_2013_final_v1.pdf

Attendance is integral to student success. Discussion and participation are particularly important in this class, and students are expected to attend regularly and punctually. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and to complete any work assigned.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. Plagiarism occurs when students present the words of someone else as their own. Plagiarism can be the deliberate use of a whole piece of another person's writing, but more frequently it occurs when students fail to acknowledge and document sources from which they have taken material. Whenever the words, research or ideas of others are directly quoted or paraphrased, they must be documented according to an accepted manuscript style (e.g., APA, CSE, MLA, etc.). Resubmitting a paper which has previously received credit is also considered plagiarism. Students who plagiarize material for assignments will receive a mark of zero (F) on the assignment and may fail the course. Plagiarism may also result in dismissal from a program of study or the College.

YUKON FIRST NATIONS CORE COMPETENCY

Yukon College recognizes that a greater understanding and awareness of Yukon First Nations history, culture and journey towards self-determination will help to build positive relationships among all Yukon citizens. As a result, to graduate from ANY Yukon College program, you will be required to achieve core competency in knowledge of Yukon First Nations. For details, please see <http://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/yfnccr>.

LORENE ROBERTSON WRITING CENTRE

All students are encouraged to make the Lorene Robertson Writing Centre a regular part of the writing process for coursework. Located in C2231 (adjacent the College Library), the Writing Centre offers half-hour writing coaching sessions to students of all writing abilities. Coaching sessions are available in person and through distance technologies (e.g., email plus Skype or phone). For further information or to book an appointment, visit the Centre's website:

www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/student_info/pages/writing_centre.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

Reasonable accommodations are available for students requiring an academic accommodation to fully participate in this class. These accommodations are available for students with a documented disability, chronic condition or any other grounds specified in Section 8.0 of the Yukon College Academic Regulations (available on the Yukon College website). It is the student's responsibility to seek these accommodations. If a student requires an academic accommodation, he/she should contact the Learning Assistance Centre (LAC) at (867) 668-8785 or lassist@yukoncollege.yk.ca.

TOPIC OUTLINE

| Topic | Reading |
|---|-------------|
| Week 1: Introduction Chapter 1 What is a Family? | |
| Week 2: Being Different | Chapter 2 |
| Week 3: Getting Together/ Wedding Bells and After..... Chapter 3/4 | |
| Week 4: Children-----Yes or No? Chapter 5 | |
| Week 5: Bringing up Baby Chapter 6 | |
| Week 6: The Middle Years and Not so Empty Nest/Grey Power and the Sunset Years | Chapter 7/8 |
| Week 7: The Lone Parent Family—Future Majority? | Chapter 9 |
| Week 7: MIDTERM, FEB. 19 | |
| Week 8: Reading Week, no classes | |
| Week 9: Coming Apart: The Divorce Experience Chapter 10 | |
| Week 10: The Family and the World of Work | Chapter 12 |

Week 11 and 12: The Family Beleaguered-----When Problems Come
Chapter 13

Week 13 and 14: Home Dangerous Home: Abuse and Violence in the Family
Chapter 14

Week 15: Conclusion and Review

Final Exam: TBA

Other readings and materials may be assigned or advised. A detailed syllabus is provided on the course site and will be discussed in class lectures.