
Course Outline

University Studies

Fall 2022

SOCY 271A: Sociology of the Family

3 credits, 2 x 1.5 hours

This course will employ a life-course perspective to study of the structure and functions of the family historically and cross-culturally. We will examine the institutional characteristics and current trends in the family within contemporary societies, as well as the real-world implications of evolving family structures. Special emphasis is placed on inequalities on the bases of race, culture, class, and sexuality, and we will engage in regular debate about the family's future directions.

Prerequisites: An open mind and a willingness to be uncomfortable

Instructor

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Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday 1:00pm-3:00pm

I will be available for individual discussions by appointment.

Hours of Instruction

Tuesday/Thursday 3:30pm-4:50pm

Syncrude Centre, Room S212

Required Resources

- Mitchell, B. A. (2021). *Family Matters: An Introduction to Family Sociology in Canada* (4th ed.) Toronto, ON: Canadian Scholars.
*eTextbook is available
- Access to a reliable electronic device, Microsoft Office, and Internet connection

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall be able to:

- Demonstrate an ability to apply sociological concepts to the analysis of diverse Canadian Families.
- Display an awareness of major trends and issues facing families in Canada today.

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- Describe the purpose of employing common qualitative and quantitative methods in sociological research of the family
- Interrogate how the intersections of class, race, culture, sexuality, and family affiliation influence one's access to power and resources
- Critically reflect on how one's own life trajectory has been shaped by virtue of their family of origin

Evaluation of Student Performance

Assignments	% of Grade
In-Class Assignments	10%
Discussions	10%
Group Presentation	20%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	35%
TOTAL	100%

In-Class Assignments (10%) – throughout the semester

Each week there will be an in-class assignment to gauge your progress in understanding the course material. Assignments will only be presented in class and will vary each class, meaning you need to attend each class to ensure you don't miss an assignment.

**Unless you have contacted me before class, informing me of the reason you will not be attending class, you will not be able to make up an assignment.*

Bi-Weekly Discussions (10%) – throughout the semester

Every other week there will be a discussion board. Your initial post is due Friday at 11:59pm. You will need to respond to two peers before Sunday at 11:59pm. Prompts for the discussions will be posted in the discussion forum on Moodle.

Group Presentation (20%) – Week 10

Each group will select a social issue that families encounter, provide an overview of the issue, and propose possible remedies for this family social issue. Further instructions will be given in class and on Moodle. Presentations will take place during class; materials will be due the Sunday before at 11:59pm.

Midterm Exam (25%) – Week 7

The midterm will take place during week seven and will consist of a mixture of multiple choice, true and false and short essay questions that cover the first six weeks of material. A study guide will be made available a week before the midterm exam.

Final Exam (35%) – Finals Week

The final exam will take place during finals week and be a mixture of multiple choice and short essay question, each section carries the same weighting. The final exam will cover materials presented throughout the entire course. A study guide will be made available a week before the final exam and a review session will take place the week prior to the exam.

Grading Scale

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent	Rubric for Letter Grades
Excellent	A+	4.0	> 92.9	Work shows in-depth and critical analysis, well developed ideas, creativity, excellent writing, clarity and proper format.
	A	4.0	85 – 92.9	
	A-	3.7	80 – 84.9	
Good	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9	Work is generally of high quality, well developed, well written, has clarity, and uses proper format.
	B	3.0	74 – 76.9	
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9	
Satisfactory Progression	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9	Work has some developed ideas but needs more attention to clarity, style and formatting.
	C	2.0	64 – 66.9	
	C-	1.7	60 – 63.9	
Poor Minimum Pass	D+	1.3	55 – 59.9	Work is completed in a general way with minimal support, or is poorly written or did not use proper format.
	D	1.0	50 – 54.9	
Failure	F	0.0	< 50	Responses fail to demonstrate appropriate understanding or are fundamentally incomplete.

A grade of C- is required for progression or transfer.

Late Work Policy

Late assignments will not be accepted without prior approval of the instructor. If you have something come up that will affect your ability to turn work in on time, you must contact me before the due date (or as soon after as possible, in extreme circumstances), and I will respond to each situation on a case-by-case basis.

Proposed Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Topics & Materials	Assignments
1	Aug. 31-Sept. 4	Introduction	
2	Sept. 5-11	Chapter 1: Family Matters Mitchell (2021): pp. 3-29	In-Class Assignment Discussion Board (Initial Post: Fri. 11:59pm; Replies x2: Sun. 11:59pm)

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3	Sept. 12-18	Chapter 2: Family Theory & Methods Mitchell (2020): pp. 30-62 Chapter 3: Canadian Families Mitchell (2021): pp. 63-91	In-Class Assignment
4	Sept. 19-25	Chapter 4: First Families Mitchell (2021): pp. 92-118 Chapter 5: Ethnic Mosaic of Canadian Families Mitchell (2021): pp. 119-146	In-Class Assignment Discussion Board (Initial Post: Fri. 11:59pm; Replies x2: Sun. 11:59pm)
5	Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Chapter 6: Cult of Domesticity Mitchell (2021): pp. 147-178	
6	Oct. 3-9	Chapter 7: Close Relations in Youth and Young Adulthood Mitchell (2021): pp. 179-217 Chapter 8: Families & Children in Early Years Mitchell (2021): pp. 218-248	In-Class Assignment Discussion Board (Initial Post: Fri. 11:59pm; Replies x2: Sun. 11:59pm)
7	Oct. 10-16		Midterm Exam
8	Oct. 17-23	Chapter 9: All Our Families Mitchell (2021): pp. 249-276	In-Class Assignment Discussion Board (Initial Post: Fri. 11:59pm; Replies x2: Sun. 11:59pm)
9	Oct. 24-30	Chapter 10: Family Dissolution Mitchell (2021): pp. 277-306	Group Presentation Submission (Sun. 11:59pm)
10	Oct. 31-Nov. 6	<i>Family Issue Presentations</i>	

11	Nov. 7-13	Reading Week	
12	Nov. 14-20	Chapter 11: Families in the Middle Mitchell (2021): pp. 307-338 Chapter 12: Aging Families Mitchell (2021): 339-372	In-Class Assignment Discussion Board (Initial Post: Fri. 11:59pm; Replies x2: Sun. 11:59pm)
13	Nov. 21-27	Chapter 13: Choices and Constraints Mitchell (2021): pp. 375-404 Chapter 14: Trying to Make Ends Meet Mitchell (2021): 405-433	In-Class Assignment
14	Nov. 28-Dec. 5	Chapter 15: Families in Crisis Mitchell (2021): pp. 434-467 Chapter 16: Families & the State Mitchell (2021): 468-497	In-Class Assignment Discussion Board (Initial Post: Fri. 11:59pm; Replies x2: Sun. 11:59pm)
Finals Week	Dec. 8-19		Final Exam

Please Note:

This schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

Performance Requirements and Student Services

Student Responsibilities

As a student, it is your responsibility to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the required forms, including the Withdraw Course or Program or a Change of Registration form. Please refer to the important dates listed in the Academic Schedule in the [Keyano College credit calendar](#). The Keyano College credit calendar also has information about Student Rights and the Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and the Code of Conduct Policies.

Student Attendance

Class attendance is helpful for two reasons: First, class attendance maximizes a student's learning experience. Second, attending class is an excellent way to keep informed of

matters relating to the course administration (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your learning and performance in this course. It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Absent students are responsible for the material covered in those classes, and students must ensure they are ready for their next class, including completing any missed assignments and notes.

Academic Misconduct

Students are considered responsible adults and should adhere to the principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty takes many forms:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as their own,
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating),
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work,
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications,
- The willful distortion of results or data,
- Substitution in an examination by another person,
- Submitting unchanged work for another assignment, and
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies. To ensure your understanding of plagiarism, you may be required to complete the online [Understanding Plagiarism tutorial](#) and submit the certificate of completion.

Online Learning

Technology and internet connectivity will impact your online learning experience. You may be required to watch online videos, take online quizzes, or participate in live online classes. Live/virtual courses will be hosted in Microsoft Teams or Zoom. For all course delivery types, you will access your course resources on Keyano's learning management system: Moodle (iLearn). Login in using your [Keyano username and password](#). Keyano College operates in a Windows-based environment and having access to the correct tools for online learning is essential. Here's a list of recommended system requirements.

COVID-19 We are subject to provincial, and municipal bylaws, and policies. These decisions may change pending further direction from the Alberta Chief Medical Officer, Alberta Health Services, and other provincial guidelines. To protect yourself and others, get immunized, wash your hands, wear a mask, keep your distance (2m/6 ft) and remain home when feeling unwell. For the most recent COVID-19 information, please refer to albertahealthservices.ca/COVID.

Specialized Supports The Student Services Department is committed to Keyano students and their academic success. There is a variety of student support available at Keyano. All student services are available during Keyano business hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The College is closed on statutory holidays. If you require support outside of regular business hours, please inform the support service team, and they will do their best to accommodate your needs.

Accessibility Services provides accommodations for students living with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities or who suspect a disability can meet with an Access Strategist to discuss their current learning barriers and possible accommodations. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to contact the department to request accommodations for the following semester. Please note that requesting accommodations is a process and requires time to arrange. Contact the department as soon as you know you may require accommodations. For accessibility supports and disability-based funding, please book an appointment by emailing us at: accessibility.services@keyano.ca.

Accessibility Services also provides individual and group learning strategy instruction for all students and technology training and support to enhance learning. You can meet with an Access Strategist to learn studying and test-taking strategies. In addition, you can schedule an appointment with the Assistive Technology Specialist to explore technology tools for learning. Book an appointment today by emailing: accessibility.services@keyano.ca

Wellness Services offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators provide a safe and confidential environment for you to seek help with personal concerns. Our Wellness Navigator offers support with basic needs such as housing, financial and nutritional support, and outside referrals when needed. Wellness Services welcomes students to participate in group sessions that address topics including mindfulness and test anxiety throughout the academic year. Individual appointments can be made by emailing wellness.services@keyano.ca.

Library Services: provides students with research, information, and education technology supports as they engage in their studies. Library staff are available to help you online and in person throughout the semester. Librarians offer individual and small group appointments booked using the online [Book A Librarian calendar](#). The Library also provides research and subject guides to help you with your studies. To view a subject or course-specific guide, check out the complete list of online [Subject Guides](#). To start your research and access citation guides (APA, MLA, Chicago, or IEEE), visit the [Research Help page](#). The Library's collections (including print and online materials) are searchable using [OneSearch](#). The Library offers a Loanable Technology collection to support students accessing and using technology. For an up-to-date list of technology available for borrowing, visit the Library's [Loanable Technology webpage](#). For a detailed list of library resources and services, go to www.keyano.ca/library. For all inquiries, please email askthelibrary@keyano.ca or [chat with us online](#).

Academic Success Centre: The Academic Success Centre at Keyano College (CC-119) provides **free** academic support services to registered students, such as tutoring, writing support, facilitated study groups, workshops, and study space. Academic Content Specialists are available in Mathematics, Science, Trades, Power Engineering, Upgrading/College Prep, Human Services, English, Humanities, and more. Students are encouraged to visit the Academic Success Centre to discuss study strategies and academic concerns. For additional information, please email Academic.Success@keyano.ca.

Academic Success Coach: The Academic Success Coach is located in the Academic Success Centre and works with students to develop academic success plans, time management skills, study strategies, and homework plans. For additional information, please email Academic.Success@keyano.ca.

Internet Speed

Minimum download and upload speeds of 10 Mbps. Recommended download speeds of 25 Mbps and upload speeds of 10 Mbps (if you are sharing your internet at home). You can check your internet speed with [Speedtest by Ookla](#).

Computer System Requirements

Microsoft Windows	Apple (Mac)
<p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Windows 10 Operating System or above 4GB of RAM 10GB available hard drive storage space <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Install the Microsoft Office 365 suite (~3GB) * Microphone, webcam, and speakers (All modern laptops have these three accessories built-in.) Windows has built-in anti-virus/malware software. It is essential to install system updates to keep your device secured regularly. <p>*Microsoft Office 365 is free to Keyano students.</p>	<p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mac Operating System 10.14 (Monterey) or above 4GB of RAM 10GB available hard drive storage space <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Install the Microsoft Office 365 suite (~3GB) * Microphone, webcam, and speakers (All modern laptops have these three accessories built-in.) Mac has built-in anti-virus/malware software. It is important to install system updates to keep your device secured regularly. <p>*Microsoft office 365 is free to Keyano students.</p>
<p>Recommended Upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8GB of RAM Regularly back up or synchronize your files, locally or with a cloud-based storage option. <p>OneDrive is the cloud-based storage option free to students after the setup of KeyanoMail and Microsoft 365.</p>	<p>Recommended Upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8GB of RAM Regularly back up or synchronize your files locally or with a cloud-based storage option. <p>OneDrive is the cloud-based storage option free to students after the setup of KeyanoMail and Microsoft 365.</p>

Tablets, iPads, and Chromebooks are **not** recommended: they may not be compatible with the testing lockdown browsers and Microsoft Office 365.

Specific Department Requirements

Business and OA programs require Windows 10.
Other programs may utilize Windows-based tools as well.

Computer Software

Students have access to Microsoft Office 365 and Read&Write for free using Keyano credentials.

Recording of Lectures and Intellectual Property

Students may only record a lecture if explicit permission is provided by the instructor or Accessibility Services. Even if students have permission to record a lecture or lecture materials, students may not share, distribute, or publish any of the lectures or course materials; this includes any recordings, slides, instructor notes, etc., on any platform. Thus, no student is allowed to share, distribute, publish or sell course-related content without permission. It is important to recognize that the Canadian Copyright Act contains provisions for intellectual property. The [Academic Integrity Policy](#) provides additional information on Keyano College's expectations from students as members of the intellectual community.

ITS Helpdesk

If you have issues with your student account, you can contact the ITS Helpdesk by emailing its.helpdesk@keyano.ca or calling 780-791-4965.