



Course Outline

UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Sociology 271

THE FAMILY

Winter 2013

**3 CREDITS
3 HOURS PER WEEK**

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday	11:00-11:50PM
Tuesday	5:00 – 5:50 PM
Wednesday	2:00 – 2:50PM
Thursday	9:00 – 10:50 AM

HOURS OF INSTRUCTION:

Online

PRE-REQUISITE(S):

Sociology 100 or permission of the Program Chair

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course consists of historical and cross-cultural study of the structure and functions of the family. The institutional characteristics and current trends in the family within the contemporary societies are examined closely. Special emphasis is placed on current problems and issues regarding the Canadian family and its future prospects.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

By the end of this course students will be able to:

- Describe research conducted related to family.
- Critically analyze their views about different issues in contemporary Canadian and global families in the context of socio-economic, and politico-historical backdrops.
- Think critically about those issues related to the broader theme of family.

REQUIRED RESOURCES:

Margaret Ward and Marc Belanger (2011). *The Family Dynamic: A Canadian Perspective*. 5th edition. Toronto: Nelson Education.

Additional required readings may be posted to Moodle. Be sure to check Moodle regularly for updates regarding any additional readings.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

Topic	Reading
Week 1 Course Orientation	
Introduction What is a Family?	Chapter 1
Week 2 Being Different	Chapter 2
Week 3 Getting Together	Chapter 3
Week 4 Wedding Bells and After.....	Chapter 4
Week 5 Children-----Yes or No?	Chapter 5
Week 6 Bringing up Baby	Chapter 6
Week 7 The Middle Years and Not so Empty Nest/Grey Power and the Sunset Years	Chapter 7/8
Week 8: MIDTERM	
Week 9 The Lone Parent Family—Future Majority?	Chapter 9
Week 10 Coming Apart: The Divorce Experience	Chapter 10
Week 11 The Family and the World of Work	Chapter 12
Week 12 The Family Beleagured-----When Problems Come	Chapter 13
Week 13 Home Dangerous Home: Abuse and Violence in the Family	Chapter 14
Week 14 Poverty and the Family/Predicting the Future of Family	Chapter 15/16
Week 15: Final Exam	

MOODLE :

Go to <http://ilearn.keyano.ca>

EVALUATION:

Assignment	Percentage	Due Date
Online Class Participation	20%	Tuesday night (See Moodle Calendar)
Chapter Quizzes	30%	Wednesday night (See Moodle Calendar)
Midterm Examination	20%	Week of Oct 25 - 30
Final Examination	30%	TBA

1) *ONLINE CLASS PARTICIPATION (20%)*

Students will be expected to be actively engaged and participate in all online class activities: wikis, discussion forums, presentations, and questionnaires. These online class activities are designed so that students demonstrate they are familiar with the week's required readings.

2) *CHAPTER QUIZZES (30%)*

Each week of the course there will be an online chapter quiz. The quizzes will consist of multiple-choice questions. Most quizzes are either 20 or 30 questions in length. You will have 2 attempts on each quiz. The grade you achieve in the first attempt will be the recorded grade for the quiz. You can use the 2nd attempt to study for the midterm or final exam as it is not graded. Each online chapter quiz is timed. You are given an average of 1 minute per question.

3) *MIDTERM EXAMINATION (20%) – Date TBA – during the week of October 25- 30th*

There are two parts to the Midterm Assessment: 1) Multiple Choice Questions covering chapters 1-8 2) Long Answer Questions from chapters 1-8. Both parts are equally weighted, each worth 10% of your final grade. Your instructor will contact you prior to the exam to determine the date and time for writing. The midterm exam will be a supervised exam.

4) *FINAL EXAMINATION (30%) – Date TBA*

There are two parts to the Final Exam: 1) Multiple Choice Questions covering all chapters 2) Long Answer Questions from Chapter 9 onwards. Both parts are equally weighted, each worth 15% of your final grade. Your instructor will contact you prior to the exam to determine the date and time for writing. The final exam will be a supervised exam.

GRADING SYSTEM:

Letter Grade	Description	Grade Points
A+		4
A	Excellent	4
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B	Good	3
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
C	Satisfactory	2
C-		1.7
D+		1.3
D	Minimal Pass	1
F	Failure	0

Students intending to transfer to other institutions must receive a minimum grade of ‘C-’ in order to have their courses transferred for credit. Transfer information on each course is available at the [Alberta Council on Admission and Transfers](#).

Students who do not complete all the required work should not expect to pass the course.

Students should consult:

<http://www.keyano.ca/Academics/Examinations>

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 17, 2013	Courses dropped after this date will be designated “W”. (A withdrawal (W) is not reflected in your GPA)
October 29 th , 2013	Mid-term examination
October 25, 2013	Courses dropped after this date will be designated “WF”. (A withdrawal failure (WF) counts as a 0 in your GPA)
November 19 th , 2013	Due date for term paper
December 6 th , 2013	Last day of classes
December 9-18 th , 2013	Final Exams

COLLEGE POLICIES**Equality, Equity and Respect**

The Keyano College is committed to providing an environment of equality, equity and respect for all people within the College community. All members of this community are considered

partners in developing teaching and learning contexts that are welcoming to all. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to use inclusive language to create a classroom atmosphere in which students' experiences and views are treated with equal respect and valued in relation to their gender, ethnic and cultural background, and sexual orientation.

Students should consult:

<http://www.keyano.ca/StudentLife/StudentConduct/IndividualRightsPolicy>

Plagiarism and Cheating

Every student expects to be treated and evaluated fairly in a course. Plagiarism and cheating robs everyone of this right.

No student may submit words, ideas or data of another student or person as his or her own in any writing, project, assignment, quiz, electronic presentation, exam etc. Any work used that is not the student's own must be clearly cited as belonging to someone else. There are penalties for using other's work and not citing it. The Student's Rights & Responsibilities document clearly outlines these penalties and the appeal process.

- No learner can obtain information from another student during an exam.
- No learner can bring unauthorized information (paper or electronic) into an exam or quiz.
- No student can submit work done in another course for grading in this course without the written prior approval of the course instructor.
- No student can submit copyright protected or commercially produced materials as part or all of an assignment without proper citation & permission.

Student Rights & Responsibilities

Students should consult the Keyano College Credit Calendar or online at:

<http://www.keyano.ca/Academics/CreditCalendar>

Specialized Supports and Duty to Accommodate

Disability Support Services: Learner Assistance Program

If you have a documented disability or you think that you would benefit from some assistance from a Disabilities Counsellor, please call or visit the Disability Supports Office 780-792-5608 to book an appointment (across from the library). Services and accommodations are intended to assist you in your program of study, while maintaining the academic standards of Keyano College. We can be of assistance to you in disclosing your disability to your instructor, providing accommodations, and supporting your overall success at Keyano College.

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Specialized Support and Duty to Accommodate are aligned with the office of Disability Support Services: Learner Assistance Program (LAP) guided by federal and provincial human rights legislation, and defined by a number of Keyano College policies. Keyano College is obligated by legislation to provide disability-related accommodations to students with identified disabilities to the point of undue hardship.



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