



Course Outline

UNIVERSITY STUDIES

**Sociology 271
SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY
FALL 2014**

**3 CREDITS
3 HOURS PER WEEK**

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday	2:00 – 2:50 PM
Tuesday	1:00 – 2:50 PM
Wednesday	2:00 -- 2:50 PM
Thursday	2:00 – 2:50 PM

HOURS OF INSTRUCTION:

Online Course (no set hours of instruction)

PRE-REQUISITE(S):

SOCY 100

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 sociological research conducted in relation to the 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.

TEXT(S)/MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Margaret Ward and Marc Belanger (2014). *The Family Dynamic: A Canadian Perspective. 6th edition*. Toronto: Nelson Education.

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

EVALUATION:

Assignment	Percentage	Due Date
Online Class Participation	20%	Monday night (See Moodle Calendar)
Chapter Quizzes	30%	Tuesday night (See Moodle Calendar)
Midterm Examination	20%	Week of Oct 24 - 30
Final Examination	30%	TBA

1) ONLINE CLASS PARTICIPATION (20%) – every week

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%) – every week

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 24- 30

There are two parts to the Midterm Assessment: 1) Multiple Choice Questions covering chapters 1-8 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. 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 require a 'C-' as a minimum grade. 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>

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments will be docked 0.3 points for each day (including weekends) that they are late. In cases of potentially excusable late assignment submissions due to illness or personal situation, notify your instructor by e-mail.

MOODLE

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

This course is supported through Moodle. Assignments, readings and handouts will be posted on Moodle.

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 16, 2014	Last day to DROP courses with full refund (\$100 deposit is non-refundable)
October 10, 2014	Last day to WITHDRAW with a refund (50%)
November 26, 2014	Last day to WITHDRAW (Grade of W)
December 5, 2014	Last day of classes
December 8 - 12, 2014	Final Exams (<i>do not book holiday travel until you know your exam schedule!</i>)

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>

Counselling and Disability Services

Counselling Services provides a wide range of specialized counselling services to prospective and registered students, including personal, career and academic counselling. Disability Services provides educational services to students with disabilities.

Both Counselling and Disability Services are located in CC167.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

Please Note: This course outline may be modified to facilitate unforeseen time constraints. Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change. Also please note that additional required readings may be posted to Moodle throughout the term.

Topics

Week 1 Course Orientation Introduction - What is a Family?

Week 2 History, Culture, and Canadian Families

Week 3 Getting Together

Week 4 Wedding Bells and After.....

Week 5 Children-----Yes or No?

Readings

Chapter 1

Chapter 2

Chapter 3

Chapter 4

Chapter 5

Week 6 Bringing up Baby

Chapter 6

Week 7 The Middle Years and Not so Empty Nest/Grey

Chapters 7 & 8

Power and the Sunset Years

Week 8: MIDTERM EXAM – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

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 Beleaguered-----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

Chapters 15 & 16

Week 15: FINAL EXAM – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED