

SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY (SO. 2710 NN3)
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Tuesday & Thursday 9.30-10.50 a.m.

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BOOKS: Veever, J. Continuity and Change in Marriage and Family
 Bird, G. & Sporkowski, M. Taking Sides, Second edition.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION Structure and function of the family system, historically and cross-culturally. The family system in contemporary societies, emphasizing its institutional characteristics, and current trends.

PREREQUISITE Sociology 1000 or equivalent.

OBJECTIVES This course is an introduction to the sociology of family. Its objective is to introduce you to the study of family in a systematic, scholarly way, and to get you started on the quest for objective knowledge of your own society and its institution of the family.

It is hoped that as a student you will:

1. acquire basic knowledge of concepts, theories, research, factual data, and trends of sociology of family
2. understand some unique characteristics of Canadian society and how they influence the structures and functions of the *institution of the family*
3. realize how family as a social institution shapes the way individuals act, feel, and think
4. develop a personal sense of responsibility for learning about the changes and current trends in the *institution of the family* and how they influence your life