

SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY (SO. 2710)
January to April 1999



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BOOKS: Veevers, J. Continuity and Change in Marriage and Family
Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1991

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

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January to April 1999 (Tuesday, Thursday 11:00 - 12:20)

Jan 7	Introduction to the course and each other
Jan 12	Veevers: p. 1 - 32
Jan 14	Veevers: p. 33 - 47
Jan 19	Veevers: p. 48 - 69
Jan 21	Veevers: p. 71 - 90
Jan 26	TEST 1 worth 20%
Jan 28	Veevers: p. 121-122, 134-151
Feb 2	Veevers: p. 152 - 174
Feb 4	Veevers: p. 175 -195
Feb 9	Veevers: p. 196-215
Feb 11	TEST 2 worth 25%
Feb 16	Veevers: p. 281 - 313
Feb 18	Veevers: p. 327 - 345
Feb 23, 25	Winter Break
Mar 2	Veevers: p. 346 - 370
Mar 4	TEST 3 worth 25 %
Mar 9	Veevers: p. 371 - 394
Mar 11	Veevers: p. 395 - 414
Mar 16	Veevers: p. 415 - 438
Mar 18	Veevers: p. 439 - 461
Mar 23	TEST 4 worth 20%
Mar 25	Veevers: p. 463 - 483
Mar 30	Veevers: p. 484 - 492
Apr 1	Veevers: p. 493 - 509
Apr 6	Kaplan: p. 179 - 209
Apr 8	Kaplan: p. 210 - 235
Apr 13	conclusion of the course
Apr 15	TEST 5 worth 15%

Readings: You will be assigned readings from a variety of sources to complement your textbook. Test questions will be from your textbook as well as the assigned readings.

Evaluation: The marks for this course will be based on five tests. There will be no final exam.

Percent	Stanine
90 - 100	9
80 - 89	8
72 - 79	7
65 - 71	6
58 - 64	5
50 - 57	4