The University of Manitoba  
Department of Sociology  

**The Family**  
SOC 2460 (A01), Slot 1, 3 Cr Hrs.

Winter 2015  

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**Required Texts**


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**Course Objectives**

This course involves a sociological analysis of the various family arrangements and practices in contemporary societies and their historical roots. It also includes an examination of the relationships between family and other institutions in the context of widespread social changes.

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**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Student Evaluation**

Students are required to complete **three** term tests and an assignment. The assignment will involve the integration of basic concepts with everyday family life experiences. The term tests will be based on lectures and reading and will involve multiple choice items.

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Voluntary Withdrawal

The last date for voluntary withdrawal is March 19, 2015.

Student Responsibility and Academic Integrity

Disruptions due to excessive talking or early departures from the classroom are especially distracting in large classes. Please be considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others in the class. Students should be aware that persistent disruption may result in debarment from the course. Any student who has a legitimate reason for leaving class early should inform the instructor at the beginning of class.

NOTE:
- You must notify me before the test if you must be absent.
- Please provide a note from a medical professional or counseling professional to confirm that you were unable to write a test at a particular time.
- Make-up tests must be completed within one week of the original date. Responsibility for initiating a make-up test lies with the student. Make-up tests will be scheduled at one time only, to be determined by the teaching assistant.
- Failure to complete any test or the class assignment will result in a mark of zero for that test or assignment.
- Students are not permitted to re-schedule tests regardless of scheduling “overload” with examinations or assignments in other courses.
- Any student who submits an assignment that the professor suspects is plagiarized must submit to an oral exam based on the material in the assignment. Should the professor find that the paper is plagiarized as a result of this examination, the student will face immediate disciplinary action (please see Academic Integrity).

Academic Integrity: Cheating is a serious offense with grave consequences. Students should acquaint themselves with the University’s policy on plagiarism, cheating, exam personation, (“Personation at Examinations” (Section 5.2.9) and “Plagiarism and cheating” (Section 8.1)) and duplicate submission by reading documentation provided at the Arts Student Resources web site at: http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student/index.html. Ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them.

The Faculty of Arts also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

Unclaimed term work disposal: Any term work that has not been claimed by students will be held for four (4) months from the end of the final examination period for the term in which the work was assigned. A the conclusion of this time, all unclaimed term work will become property of the Faculty of Arts and be destroyed according to FIPPA guidelines and using confidential measures for disposal.

Course Outline
I  GENERAL INTRODUCTION

II  THEORETICAL APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF FAMILIES

1. Exchange
2. Developmental
3. Symbolic Interactional
4. Ritual
5. Structural Functional
6. Conflict
7. Feminist

Required Readings:

**Eshleman and Wilson**
- Chapter 1  Marriage and Family: Disciplinary and Theoretical Approaches
- Chapter 2  Marriage, Family and Kinship
- Chapter 3  Marriage, Family and Work
- Chapter 4  Family Income and Social Class
- Chapter 8  Parent/Child Interactions and the Interconnections of Race, Class, and Gender

**Cheat**
- Albanese  Introduction to Diversity in Canada’s Families: Variation in Forms, Definitions, and Theories
- Heath  Intimacy, Commitment, and Family Formation
- Doucet  Families and Work: Connecting Households, Workplaces, State Policies, and Communities
- Kerr & Michalski  Family Poverty in Canada: Correlates, Coping Strategies, and Consequences
- Frideres & Madibbo  Building Bridges: Immigrant, and Visible Minority, and Aboriginal Families in the Twenty-First Century
- Fumia  Intellectual Debates, Testimonials, and Changing Social Values: Same-Sex Marriage in Canada
- McKie  Separation and Divorce: Fragmentation and Renewal of Families
III PARENTS AND CHILDREN IN CROSS-CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

1. Childhood
2. Parenthood
3. Socialization

Required Readings:

Eshleman and Wilson
Chapter 7 Becoming Parents
Chapter 9 The Middle and Later Years
Chapter 10 Family Violence

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Gazso Parenting Young Children: Decisions and Realities
Kobayashi ‘Mid-Life Crises’: Understanding the Changing Nature of Relationships in Middle-Age Canadian Families
Chappell Aging in Canadian Families Today
Sev’er All in the Family: Violence Against Women, Children, and the Aged.
Van den Hoonaaard Marriage and Death Rituals

On Reserve Chedwidden History of Families in Canada

IV THE FUTURE OF THE FAMILY

Required Readings:

Eshleman and Wilson
Chapter 12 Family and Social Policy

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Eichler The Past of the Future and the Future of the Family
Owen Lack of Support: Canadian Families and Disabilities
Krall Investing in Families and Children: Family Policies in Canada
Comacchio Canada’s Families: Historical and Contemporary Variations