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SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY (SO. 2710)
September to December 1998



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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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| Sep 2 | Introduction to the course and each other |
| Sep 7 | Veevers: p. 1 - 32 |
| Sep 9 | Veevers: p. 33 - 47 |
| Sep 14 | Veevers: p. 48 - 69 |
| Sep 16 | Veevers: p. 71 - 90 |
| Sep 21 | TEST 1 worth 20% |
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| Sep 23 | Veevers: p. 121-122, 134-151 |
| Sep 28 | Veevers: p. 152 - 174 |
| Sep 30 | Veevers: p. 175 -195 |
| Oct 2 | Veevers: p. 196-215 |
| Oct 5 | TEST 2 worth 25% |
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| Oct 7 | Veevers: p. 281 - 313 |
| Oct 12 | Thanksgiving Day |
| Oct 14 | Veevers: p. 327 - 345 |
| Oct 19 | Veevers: p. 346 - 370 |
| Oct 21 | TEST 3 worth 20% |
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| Oct 26 | Veevers: p. 371 - 394 |
| Oct 28 | Veevers: p. 394 - 414 |
| Nov 2 | Veevers: p. 415 - 438 |
| Nov 4 | Veevers: p. 439 - 461 |
| Nov 9 | TEST 4 worth 20% |
| Nov 11 | Remembrance Day |
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| Nov 16 | Veevers: p. 463 - 483 |
| Nov 18 | Veevers: p. 484 - 492 |
| Nov 23 | Veevers: p. 493 - 509 |
| Nov 25 | conclusion of the course |
| Dec 2 | 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.

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| 80 - 89 | 8 |
| 72 - 79 | 7 |
| 65 - 71 | 6 |
| 57 - 64 | 5 |
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