

SOC 3705 - The Family

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Course Description

3705. The Family. Family and kinship systems as major institutions; their development, functions, and relation to other basic institutions found in different cultures and social strata. Prereq.: SOC 1500 or ANTH 1500. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	The Family: Diversity, Inequality, and Social Change, 4th Ed.	Cohen, Philip	9781324071075

InQuizitive (eBook) access is required.

Students are required to have access to [Blackboard](#) as this course takes place online. These are the [computer lab locations](#) on campus.

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
6/29	Syllabus Read with InQuizitive: • TF: Chapter 1 • TF: Chapter 2	MODULE 1 Defining the Family CAREER CONNECTION Assumptions about family drive policy, hiring, and organizational culture — professionals who can identify and question those assumptions serve diverse populations more effectively.	Watch and Annotate: • Defining the Family Video Project: • Part 1 - Sociological Perspective & Members Register with InQuizitive Syllabus Quiz Exam 1

7/6	Read with InQuizitive: • TF: Chapter 3 • TF: Chapter 4 • TF: Chapter 5	MODULE 2 Race, Class, Gender, and Family CAREER CONNECTION Race, class, and gender shape every workplace — professionals who can analyze these patterns are better equipped to lead equitably.	Watch and Annotate: • Race, Ethnicity, and Family • Gender and Family • Social Class and Family Video Project: • Part 2 - Statuses and Roles • Peer Reviews of Part 1 Exam 2 Cultural Differences in Families Paper Due
7/13	Read with InQuizitive: • TF: Chapter 6 • TF: Chapter 7	MODULE 3 Sexuality, Love, and Romantic Relationships CAREER CONNECTION Social workers, counselors, healthcare providers, and educators regularly work with people navigating sexuality and relationships — understanding these sociologically makes you a more competent practitioner.	Watch and Annotate: • Sexuality • Love and Romantic Relationships Video Project • Part 3 - Socialization & Social Factors • Peer Reviews of Part 2 Exam 3
7/20	Read with InQuizitive • TF: Chapter 8 • TF: Chapter 9	MODULE 4 Marriage, Cohabitation, Families, and Children CAREER CONNECTION Household structures intersect with housing, healthcare, law, and workplace policy — knowing what research actually shows makes you a stronger advocate and analyst.	Watch and Annotate: • Marriage and Cohabitation • Families and Children Video Project: • Part 4 - Social Structures & Environment • Peer Reviews of Part 3 Exam 4
7/27	Read with InQuizitive: • TF: Chapter 10 • TF: Chapter 11	MODULE 5 Divorce Creating Different Families, Work and Family CAREER CONNECTION Work-family conflict is among the most pressing challenges facing employees and employers — understanding its structural roots makes you a more effective colleague, manager, or advocate.	Watch and Annotate: • Divorce and Creating Different Families • Work and Family Video Project: • Part 5 - Sociological Theory • Peer Reviews of Part 4 Exam 5 Media Representations of Families Paper Due
8/3	Read with InQuizitive • TF: Chapter 12 • TF: Chapter 13	MODULE 6 Family Violence & The Future of Families CAREER CONNECTION Family violence intersects with healthcare, law, social services, and the workplace — professionals who understand its structural causes are better prepared to respond without causing harm.	Watch and Annotate: • Family Violence • The Future of Families Video Project • Peer Reviews of Part 5 Exam 6 Imagining Future Families Paper Due
8/10	No Readings This Week	MODULE 7 Course Wrap-Up CAREER CONNECTION Research synthesis, iterative project management, peer feedback, and multimodal communication — what you practiced this semester is what employers mean when they ask for critical thinkers who can communicate.	Final Video, Script, and Professional Reflection Due SATURDAY SOCIOLOGY MAJORS - Update LinkedIn Profile & Professional Portfolio

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