SOC 331 Sociology of families 4

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: A description and analysis of family structures in modern industrial society. Major theoretical perspectives on families and family change in developed societies will be examined, as well as varying methodological approaches to the study of families. Topics may include mate selection, marriage and divorce, family size and structures, domestic labour, power relationships within family, childhood socialization, variant family forms, and policy issues related to families.

RATIONALE:

COURSE PREREQUISITES: 45 credits, to include at least 6 credits of sociology

COURSE COREQUISITES:

HOURS PER TERM
FOR EACH STUDENT
Lecture 30 hrs
Laboratory hrs
Seminar 30 hrs
Field Experience hrs

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT: 25

Is transfer credit requested? Yes No

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES

Course Designer(s):
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Department Head:

Dean:
J. Ballard

PAC: Approval in Principle (Date)
PAC: Final Approval: December 16, 1998 (Date)
NAME & NUMBER OF COURSE

SYNONYMOUS COURSES:

(a) replaces ________________
   (course #)

(b) cannot take ________________ for further credit
   (course #)

SUPPLIES/MATERIALS:

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS  (List reading resources elsewhere)


OBJECTIVES:

At the completion of the course students will be able to make a critical examination of family patterns. They will be able to locate these patterns within historical and cross-cultural perspectives, and from the vantage point of major streams of sociological thought.

METHODS:

Lecture/seminar format
STUDENT EVALUATION PROCEDURE:

Your final grade for this course will be determined as follows:

Midterm exam 30%
Research paper 30%
Final Exam 30%
Class participation 10%

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COURSE CONTENT

1. Current controversies in defining families, theory and methods for studying families
2. Cross-cultural and historical variations
3. Forming adult relationships: mate selection, sexuality, communication
4. Children - to have or not to have? Reproductive technologies.
5. Raising children
6. MIDTERM
7. Paid employment and families; poverty
8. Unpaid family labour; midlife and aging
9. Family violence: child, spousal and elder abuse
10. Divorce and Custody
11. Remarriage
12. Future of families: Predictions and Policies