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# SOC 215

## Sociology of the Family

### COURSE OUTLINE

**Prerequisites:** None

**Course Description:**

Studies topics such as marriage and family in social and cultural context. Addresses the single scene, dating and marriage styles, child-rearing, husband and wife interaction, single parent families, and alternative lifestyles.

**Objective:**

- To connect students' personal lives to the class while showing how sociologists understand and explain families.
- To explore both the public and private scope of the family
- To examines the historical and cross-cultural diversity of families.
- To addresses current political debates in "Families and Public Policy."
- To explain how family sociologists go about their research
- To examine various aspects of the family, including sexuality; marriage, divorce, and remarriage; parenting; childcare; health; the elderly and their families.

**Semester Credits: 3    Lecture Hours: 3**

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## Course Outcomes:

**At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:**

- Understand how society and the environment affect their own experiences in their families.
- Explain the importance of the public and private aspects of the family.
- Understand the methodologies and theoretical perspectives used by sociologists to study the family.
- Understand the history of the family.
- Understand the changing dynamics of the family in modern times.
- Understand the public policy implications of family dynamics.

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# SOC 215: Sociology of the Family

## Required Materials:

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

## Textbook:

Knox, David. M&F 3. Ma.: Boston: Cengage Learning, 3rd ed., 2016. ISBN: 978-1-305-70428-2

**The following supplementary materials are available:** None

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## Topical Description:

- Defining Families
- Declining and Enduring Families
- Measuring Families
- Gendered Families
- Diverse Families/Similar Families
- Unequal Families
- Love, Sexuality, and Relationship Formation
- Marriage and Cohabitation
- Work and Family
- Entering Parenthood
- Childhood and Adolescence
- Adulthood and Later Life
- Intimate Violence
- Divorce and Remarriage
- Change, Stability, and Future Families

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## **Notes to Instructors**

- None

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