

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOC-310 Marriage And the Family

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOC-310	Marriage and the Family	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Spring	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

Introduction- Family In Context, Theoretical Perspectives On The Family I, Theoretical Perspectives On, The Family, Men In The Family Way: Remaking Fatherhood, Current Issues In The Sociology Of The Family I, Current Issues In The Sociology , A Family Of The World: Emerging Representations Of Global Families, Methodologies Of Families, Family Politics In Late Modernity, Alternative Families I
Alternative Families, Ageing And Family

Instructor

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Course Aims and Objectives

Study of the family as a social institution. This course deals with the structure of the family and with the process and difficulties of personal interaction in such matters as mate selections, marriage, and parent-child relationships. The course will examine the relationship between sexual, gender and family structures and some of the major concerns of contemporary Western societies: ethnic differentiation; the contraction of labour markets and high unemployment; population ageing; sexual violence and abuse; and the eruption of AIDS as a major health hazard.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, practical exercises and assignments.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Project: 40%
Class Presentation: 15%

Attendance and Participation: 10%
Final Exam: 35%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

1. Marriage and the Family -Diversity and Strengths. By David H. Olson and John DeFrain, Mayfield Publishing Company, 1994
2. Connell, R.W. (1995) Masculinities. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press