



**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is designed to provide students with the means to achieve a sociological orientation or perspective for analysis of the family. Sociological factors such as social change, social structure/stratification, culture, and socialization which affect family life in contemporary society will be presented.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

**A. Learning Outcomes:**

1. Define and use the basic terminology common to sociology
2. Describe how the family is an institution that varies depending on socio-cultural factors
3. Describe how the family, socialization, social structures and society are interrelated.

**B. Learning Outcomes and Elements of the Performance:**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Define and use the basic terminology common to sociology.

**Potential elements of the performance:**

- Define sociology as a macro perspective and a micro perspective
- Review the similarities and differences between personal experiences and the scientific method as ways of understanding the family
- Define the conceptual approaches of sociology to the study of the family
- Define social structure and social institution
- Define socialization and social change

2. Describe how the family is an institution that varies depending on socio-cultural factors.

**Potential elements of the performance:**

- Describe economic influences on the family
- Describe the achievements of the feminist movement in Canada
- Describe the multicultural roots of the Canadian family
- Describe the influences of work and technology on the family

3. Describe how the family, socialization, social structure and society are interrelated.

**Potential elements of the performance:**

- Outline the content of gender-role socialization
- Describe the influence of attitudes on social patterns in society
- Examine the future of marriage in Canadian society
- Evaluate the future of the family in Canadian society

### III. TOPICS:

**Note:** These topics sometimes overlap several areas of skill development and are not necessarily intended to be explored in isolated learning units or in the order below.

1. A sociological study of family and marriage
2. The role of marriage and family in society
3. Changes in the family
4. The future of the Canadian family

### IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES / TEXTS / MATERIALS:

1. The Family Dynamic, A Canadian Perspective, 4th Canadian Edition, by Ward, Margaret, Scarborough: Nelson Canada

### Instructional Methods / Class Activities:

Lecture, class discussion, group activities, videotape presentations and assigned readings are designed to provide students with opportunities to gain an understanding of sociology of the family. A review of personal and social experiences will be complemented by instruction on how to analyze the family as a social institution. The text which is required reading will provide the themes of study. All tests are based on this text, class lectures and notes.

### V. EVALUATION PROCESS / GRADING SYSTEM, MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTING:

#### TIME FRAME

Sociology of the Family meets two periods per week during the semester. Students are expected to attend classes and to participate in collaborative group activities and class discussion.

#### GRADING

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| 1. Written assignments | 20% |
| 2. Tests               | 80% |

**Participation in a minimum of 70% of graded course activities is required for eligibility to succeed in the course.**

**Note:** Students who miss a test must notify the professor in advance. Allowing a rewrite is at the professor's discretion.

**METHOD OF ASSESSMENT (GRADING METHOD):**

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in post-secondary courses:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 – 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

**Note:** For such reasons as program certification or program articulation, certain courses require minimums of greater than 50% and/or have mandatory components to achieve a passing grade.

It is also important to note, that the minimum overall GPA required in order to graduate from a Sault College program remains 2.0.

**NOTE:** Students may be assigned a mid-term grade of “F” for unsatisfactory performance.

**VI. SPECIAL NOTES:**

Disability Services:

If you are a student with special needs (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Disability Services office. Visit room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

Retention of course outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other postsecondary institutions.

Communication:

The College considers *WebCT/LMS* as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the *Learning Management System* communication tool (if applicable).

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in the *Student Code of Conduct*. Students who engage in “academic dishonesty” will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Course outline amendments:

The Professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

**VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:**

Students who wish to apply for advance credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain an Application for Advance Credit from the Social Sciences Coordinator or academic assistant regarding a general education transfer request. Students will be required to provide an unofficial transcript and course outline related to the course in question.

Credit for prior learning will also be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.