



**SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY (SO. 2710)**  
**January to April 1998**



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**BOOKS:** Veevers, J. Continuity and Change in Marriage and Family  
Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1991

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:** Structure and function of the family system, historically and cross-culturally. The family system in contemporary societies, emphasizing its institutional characteristics, and current trends.

**PREREQUISITE:** Sociology 1000 or equivalent.

**OBJECTIVES:** This course is an introduction to the sociology of family. Its objective is to introduce you to the study of family in a systematic, scholarly way, and to get you started on the quest for objective knowledge of your own society and its institution of the family.

It is hoped that as a student you will:

1. acquire basic knowledge of concepts, theories, research, factual data, and trends of sociology of family
2. understand some unique characteristics of Canadian society and how they influence the structures and functions of the institution of the family
3. realize how family as a social institution shapes the way individuals act, feel, and think
4. develop a personal sense of responsibility for learning about the changes and current trends in the institution of the family and how they influence your life

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Jan 6	Introduction to the course and each other
Jan 8	Veevers: p. 1 - 32
Jan 13	Veevers: p. 33 - 47
Jan 15	Veevers: p. 48 - 69
Jan 20	Veevers: p. 71 - 90
Jan 22	<b>TEST 1</b>
Jan 27	Veevers: p. 121-122, 134-151
Jan 29	Veevers: p. 152 - 174
Feb 3	Veevers: p. 175 -195
Feb 5	Veevers: p. 196-215
Feb 10	<b>TEST 2</b>
Feb 12	Veevers: p. 281 - 313
Feb 17	Veevers: p. 327 - 345
Feb 19	Veevers: p. 346 - 370
Feb 24, 26	Winter break
Mar 3	<b>TEST 3</b>
Mar 5	Veevers: p. 371 - 394
Mar 10	Veevers: p. 394 - 414
Mar 12	Veevers: p. 415 - 461
Mar 17	<b>TEST 4</b>
Mar 19	Veevers: p. 463 - 483
Mar 24	Veevers: p. 484 - 492
Mar 26	Veevers: p. 493 - 509
Mar 31	Veevers: p. 463 - 484
Apr 7	Veevers: p. 485 - 509
Apr 14	<b>TEST 5</b>

**Readings:** Other than the textbook by Veevers, you will receive handouts from a variety of sources to complement your textbook. Questions from all the readings you receive will be included in your tests.

**Evaluation:** The marks for this course will be based on five tests. Each test will be worth 20% toward the total marks for this course. There will be no final exam.

Percent	Stanine
90 - 100	9
80 - 89	8
72 - 79	7
65 - 71	6
57 - 64	5
50 - 56	4