

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

**SOCI 2043A  
FALL 2025  
SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY**

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**Prerequisites:** SOCI 1001 and SOCI 1002, or SOCI 1003 [1.0], or ANTH 1001, or ANTH 1002.

**Class Time:** Mondays 11:35 am – 2:25 pm

**Method of Delivery:** In-person (lectures, videos, discussions)

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**Course Description and Objectives:**

The course examines how family patterns and relationships are shaped by economic and social structures. It explores diverse family forms across different historical periods and provides an in-depth look at contemporary families, particularly in North America. The course also examines how family experiences are influenced by various intersecting identities, including gender, social class, race/ethnicity, indigenous status, and sexuality.

**Learning Outcomes:**

After you complete this course, it is expected that you will be able to:

- identify and critique common myths about the family
- examine how family patterns and ideologies have varied across time and space
- explain various theoretical approaches used in the study of the family
- analyze how factors such as social class, indigeneity/ race/ethnicity/immigrant status, sexuality and gender impact families and shape family experiences and relationships.
- apply course concepts and ideas to contemporary issues and debates about the family
- write critically about family-related topics.

**Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:**

Students must regularly attend class, complete the assigned readings, actively participate in class discussions, and submit critical reviews on time. The grade is distributed as follows:

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| • Class participation        | 10% |
| • In-class written responses | 15% |
| • Weekly critical reviews    | 30% |
| • In-class midterm exam      | 20% |
| • Final exam                 | 25% |