

The Psychology of the Family

3630 3.0A

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Class Times and Location:

The class meets on Tuesday and Thursdays 7:00-10:00pm in CLH-A
May 2, 2011 – June 10, 2011, inclusive

**NOTE: THE FINAL DAY TO DROP THE COURSE WITHOUT RECEIVING A GRADE ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT IS
May 27, 2011.**

Description:

Course Description and Prerequisites:

HH/PSYC3630 3.0 is a study of the family unit that draws on findings and concepts from the areas of developmental, clinical and social psychology. Research on the social psychology and psychodynamics of the family group is considered. Prerequisite: AK/AS/HH/SC/PSYC 1010 6.00 or AK/HH/PSYC 2410 6.00, with a minimum grade of C. Course credit exclusion: AK/PSYC 3700J 3.00 (prior to Summer 2002). Note: This course does not count for science credit.

Text:

White, J. M., Larson, L. E., Goltz, J. W., & Munro, B. E. (2005). *Families in Canada – Social Contexts, Continuities, and Changes, Third Edition*. Toronto: Pearson Hall.
ISBN: 0-13-177628-2

Class Schedule

Date	Class Description	Student Action	Evaluation
03/05/11	Course Overview – Requirements & Introduction to course website Understanding Marriages and Families Family Theories and Methods	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit: http://moodle.yorku.ca and review course website 2. Read: Unit 1, Chapter 1 3. Read: Unit 1, Chapter 2 4. Complete York University Online Academic Tutorial – you must achieve 100% - submit your certificate of completion to your Teaching Assistant http://www.yorku.ca/tutorial/academic_integrity/; This requirement MUST be completed to continue in the course. Students who have not completed this requirement prior to the midterm test will be ineligible to write the test. 5. Complete online quiz entitled "Familiarize Yourself with Online Quiz Taking" 	2%
05/05/11	Kinship Organization of Marriage and Family History of Families	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read: Unit 2, Chapter 3 2. Read: Unit 2, Chapter 4 3. Complete online quiz for Chapters 1 & 2 materials (includes lecture material) 	2%
10/05/11	Variations in Canadian Families – the influence of culture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read: Unit 2, Chapter 5 2. Complete online quiz for Chapters 3 & 4 materials (includes lecture material) 	2%
12/05/11	Mate Selection, Courtship & Cohabitation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read: Unit 3, Chapter 6 2. Read: Unit 3, Chapter 7 3. Complete online quiz for Chapter 5 material (includes lecture material) 	1%
17/05/11	The Institutional Framework of Marriage Marital Quality Work, Marriage & Family	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read: Unit 4, Chapter 8 2. Read: Unit 4, Chapter 9 3. Read: Unit 4, Chapter 10 4. Complete online quiz for Chapter 6 & 7 materials (includes lecture material) 	2%

19/05/11	Culture & Canadian Families: Cultural Variations in Parenting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Film Screening – “Love, Culture, and the Kitchen Sink” 2. Post-Film Discussion Group 3. Complete online quiz for Chapter 8, 9, & 10 materials (includes lecture material) 	3%
24/05/11	No class will be held	Prepare yourself for the mid-term test during the next class	

26/05/11	Mid-Term Test	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consult the Faculty of Health, Department of Psychology Guidelines for Missed Tests and Examinations Visit: http://www.yorku.ca/health/psyc/advising_missedtests.html 2. Write in-class mid-term test – Material from 03/05/11 to 19/05/11 (includes materials from text, lectures, guest lecturers, films, and key readings) 4. <u>Note</u> that students who are unable to write the in-class mid-term will be provided with an alternative assignment. The time allocation for the assignment is 48 hours. 	40%
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31/05/11	Parenthood	Read Unit 5, Chapter 11	
02/06/11	Parenthood	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Film Screening – “Babies” 2. Post-film Discussion Group 3. Complete online quiz for Chapter 11 material (includes lecture material) 	1%
07/06/11	Same-sex couples and parenting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Film Screening – “Fatherhood Dreams” 2. Post-film Discussion Group 	
09/06/11	Families over the lifespan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read: Unit 6, Chapters 12 & 14 2. Complete online quiz for Chapters 12 & 14 material (includes lecture material) 3. Last day to complete online quizzes 	2%
Examination Period		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final Examination - cumulative assessment spanning the course 2. <u>Note</u> that students who are unable to write the in-class mid-term will be provided with an alternative assignment. The time allocation for the assignment is 48 hours. 	45%

