



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE**  
**School of Arts & Science Department of**  
**Social Sciences**

**SOCI 160 Young Building, Room 211**  
**Sociology of Family and Community**  
**Winter 2020**

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

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The course description is available on the web @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/socw.html>

□ *Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.*

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### **1. Instructor Information**

<b>Instructor</b>	Dr. Jacqueline Quinless		
<b>Class Time</b>	<b>Wednesday 6:00 PM to 8:50 PM Young Building Room 211</b>		
<b>Office hours</b>	Monday 1:00 PM- 2:00 PM, Tuesday 5:00 PM -6:00 PM, Thursday 1:00 PM -2:00 PM <i>or by appointment</i>		
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### **2. Intended Learning Outcomes**

Students study the variety and dynamics of family and community in contemporary society with critical examination of significant issues. How families and communities adapt to change in society is discussed. Special attention is paid to changing trends, variations in families, gender relations, family violence, community-oriented interventions, and social policies

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Apply major sociological perspectives and theories to the study of the family and community.
2. Identify the role of culture and socialization in shaping of the family and community.
3. Explain the distinguishing features of the community versus the society and the historical transformations of the family and communities.
4. Describe the impacts of technological changes on the dynamics of the family and community.
5. Identify the influences of the state, the economy, and other social structures on the family and the community.

### **3. Required Materials**

The course will cover the main course textbook. Additional materials and videos/documentaries, will be introduced during lectures and discussions, and students should be prepared to take notes when materials not covered by the texts are presented.

Required Reading:

McDaniel, Susan and, Lorne Tepperman (2015), **Close Relations: An Introduction to the Sociology of Families**, 5th Canadian Edition, Pearson Education Canada.

**MEETING WITH THE INSTRUCTOR:**

**Email:** I teach a number of classes and have between 80-120 students in a semester. I do not email on weekends but will respond to you within 24 hours from Monday to Friday. When emailing me please include your first and last name, the name of the class and section number, and an appropriate subject in the subject line (e.g. **Max Palmer, Soc 160 re: group project**).

**In Person:** I have regular office hours in Paul 228 several times throughout the week, and available during those times or by appointment. My experience teaching shows that students often ask the same questions through email, and for consistency and knowledge sharing purposes, I will address most general questions during the last 10 mins of class once per week which is designated as Q/A. This does not mean it is time to leave class. You are expected to participate with questions during this time or by active listening and note taking. If you are not clear on anything related to the course such as class procedures and policy, expectations, or content this is the time we will discuss these issues in an open and transparent format. If you have more specific questions related to content you would like to discuss in more detail then I encourage you to come to my office hours.

**PROCEDURE CHANGES**

In order to deal with the day-to-day management of the course, new procedures may be implemented from time to time throughout the semester. Such procedures will be announced in class sessions before they are implemented. It is the responsibility of the student to keep informed of such developments. All other matters that are not covered by this course outline are governed by official college policies and procedures.

## TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

LECTURE	DATE	TOPICS	READINGS
Week 1	Jan 8	Class Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining Family</li> <li>• Family and family-like relationships</li> </ul>	Chapter 1
Week 2	Jan 15	Historical Perspectives on the family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can sociology contribute to the understanding of families and communities?</li> </ul>	Chapter 2
Week 3	Jan 22	How Families Begin <b>Discussion Group 1</b>	Chapter 3
Week 4	Jan 29	Types of Intimate Couples <b>Discussion Group 2</b>	Chapter 4
Week 5	Feb 5	Happy and Healthy Relationships <b>Discussion Group 3</b>	Chapter 5
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Midterm 1 – 30%</b>	
Week 7	Feb 19	<b>FAMILY DAY AND READING BREAK ** NO CLASSES **</b>	
Week 8	Feb 26	Parenting <b>Presentation 1</b>	Chapter 6
Week 9	March 4	Work and Family life <b>Presentation 2</b>	Chapter 7
Week 10	March 11	Stress and Violence <b>Presentation 3</b>	Chapter 8
Week 11	March 18	Divorce and Ending Relationships <b>Discussion Group 4</b> <b>Presentation 4</b>	Chapter 9
<b>Week 12</b>	<b>March 25</b>	<b>Midterm Exam 2 – 30%</b>	
Week 13	April 1	Family Transitions and Innovations <b>Presentation 5</b>	Chapter 11
Week 14	April 8	Looking ahead: Future of families <b>Discussion Group 5</b> <b>Course Wrap-Up</b>	

## 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

This course consists of one lecture per week. Students are expected to complete assigned readings on time, and be prepared to discuss those readings. Occasional film presentations are scheduled. The course will be based on a series of lectures and guest lectures, followed, at times, by seminar-type discussions in which the students are required to participate. Students are responsible for all lecture material, some of which is not available in the assigned readings. Students are advised to read the section "Academic Policies and Procedures" on-line in the current College calendar. <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/>

The final grade for this course will be based on the following 4 components (see more details below):

	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Midterm Exam 1	Feb 12	30%
Midterm Exam 2	March 25	30%
5 Discussion Groups (5%) each	Week 3 to 5, Week 11 and Week 14	25%
Group Presentation	Week 8 – Week 13	15%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100%</b>

### **ASSIGNMENTS/EXAMS AND EXPECTATIONS:**

#### **Discussion Groups: 5% each**

There are five discussion groups scheduled this semester which are based related course material. You are expected to work in groups to answer questions, with a one-two page summary to be submitted to the instructor at the end of the allotted time, and then a larger group seminar style discussion related to family and community issues. Each discussion group is worth 5% of your overall grade.

#### **In-Class Presentation: 15%**

Students are required to select one of the topics discussed in the course from March 3 – April 7 which includes: Chapter 6, Chapter 7, Chapter 8, Chapter 9 or Chapter 11 and relate it to a current issue/affair in the field of sociology of the family and give an in-class presentation based on your research work. It is necessary that you incorporate one of the main topics discussed in the course as a way to shed light on the issue. Please ensure that you supplement your presentation with added "credible" reference material – meaning, do not just use the text book as your only source of information. The presentation is due the week that your topic is scheduled for class discussion. Students are required to work in groups and to submit **one** presentation electronically in power point for the group to the instructor the day you are scheduled to present; each presenter will also be graded individually during their presentation. Individual Mark 7.5% and Group Mark 7.5%.

## **Presentation Tips:**

1. The presentation is shared equally among group members. *It must not exceed 30 minutes or marks will be deducted.*
2. You must use visual aids for your presentation i.e. power point
3. Do not copy every single word used by the author. Stress important points, and give reasons why you support or do not support the author's perspectives
4. Speak clearly, slowly, and articulately
5. Avoid continual reading from your notes, and make eye contact with your audience
6. Ask and answer questions – part of your task is to facilitate group discussion
7. Present with confidence and remember to be yourself!

## **Midterm Exams: 30%**

The midterm examinations will be held in class on **Exam 1 February 12** and **Exam 2 March 25**. The exam will consist of multiple-choice questions, and short answer. You will be tested on all material including assigned readings, all lecture material, class discussions, and video presentations.

## 6. Grading System

- Standard Grading System (GPA)
- Competency Based Grading System

## 7. Recommended Materials to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

### LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services, or the College web site at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca).

### STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services, and the College web site in the Policy Section.

## 8. College Supports, Services and Policies

### Immediate, Urgent, or Emergency Support

If you or someone you know requires immediate, urgent, or emergency support (e.g. illness, injury, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, etc.), **SEEK HELP**. Resource contacts @ <http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html> or <http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent>

### College Services

Camosun offers a variety of health and academic support services, including counselling, dental, disability resource centre, help centre, learning skills, sexual violence support & education, library, and writing centre. For more information on each of these services, visit the **STUDENT SERVICES** link on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/>

### College Policies

Camosun strives to provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible policies that exemplify the college's commitment to life-changing learning. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of College policies. Policies are available on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/>. Education and academic policies include, but are not limited to, Academic Progress, Admission, Course Withdrawals, Standards for Awarding Credentials, Involuntary Health and Safety Leave of Absence, Prior Learning Assessment, Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal, Sexual Violence and Misconduct, Student Ancillary Fees, Student Appeals, Student Conduct, and Student Penalties and Fines.

## A. GRADING SYSTEMS <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html>

The following two grading systems are used at Camosun College:

### 1. Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

### 2. Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

## B. Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.