

Course name	Studies in Family				
Course ID	013147				
Area & Cat No.	HUMS 1015				
Units	4.5	Career	UG	BUGE	No
School	SWP	Campus(es)	Magill	FOE	090501
Components	Lectures, Tutorials	Mode	Internal External	Final Exam	No
Syllabus Plus	Yes	If Placement, Eligible for CW Funding?			

Aim

To critically analyse the family as a social institution using sociological and philosophical theories and concepts in order to explore the implications for ethical human service provision in the Australian context.

On completion of this course students should be able to:

- critically analyse the family as a social institution;
- analyse the impact of relevant socio-cultural variables including class, gender, ethnicity, religion and other cultural practices;
- critically analyse contested discourses on, and theoretical approaches to, the family;
- identify and critically evaluate relevant values and philosophical assumptions underpinning current family service provision;
- identify and assess contemporary issues taking into account the needs of specific target groups.

By undertaking this course, students will progress in the development of the following qualities:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Graduate Quality	Body of knowledge	Life long learning	Effective problem solving	Work alone and in teams	Ethical action	Communicate effectively	International Perspective
Indicative unit weighting	2.5	0.5	-	-	1.0	-	0.5

Syllabus

The family as a social institution in the Australian context using sociological and philosophical theories and concepts; the family and the state; changing family demographics; children, families and communities; contested theories of family, language and discourses; current issues including: Indigenous families, family violence, children's rights and child protection, reunification; cultural diversity and families including gender construction and sexuality; religion; values and philosophical assumptions; international comparisons.

Teaching and learning arrangements

This course will be delivered using the following means:

Internal – weekly lectures and tutorials

External – online study guide

Assessment

Journal Part 1 (3 x 300 words)	15%
Essay (1 x 1800 words)	50%
Journal Part 2 (6 x 300 words)	35%

Textbook

Internal – e-readings

External – e-readings and book of readings

References

- Poole, M. ed, 2005, *Family: Changing Families, Changing Times*, Allen & Unwin, NSW
- Renzetti, C. & Curran, D. 2003, *Women, Men and Society*, 5th ed, Allyn and Bacon, Boston
- Skolnick, A. & J. Skolnick eds, 2005, *Family in Transition*, 13th ed, Allyn and Bacon, Boston
- Jureidini, R. & M Poole eds, 2003, *Sociology: Australian Connections*, Allen & Unwin, Sydney.

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