

## SOC 251: Introduction to Sociology of the Family

This course is a survey of contemporary family life. Using a cross-cultural perspective, this course examines variations in relationships and family patterns focusing on choices in relationships; current patterns, trends, and changes in these choices and family life. Love, sex roles, sexual attitudes and their relationship within the institution of the family are discussed along with partner selection, dating, marriage, single-hood, divorce, separation or widowhood. Examines current issues in family such as career and family conflicts, alternative family forms, cultural differences, family planning and parenthood, and family violence.

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: Placement in ENG 100 or equivalent or Instructor consent