

# COURSE DETAIL

## SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

**Country**

Japan

**Host Institution**

International Christian University

**Program(s)**

International Christian University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology

**UCEAP Course Number**

123

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

4.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.70

## Course Description

Families are a fundamental unit in the organization of social life. Most people are born into one or later may create one of their own. This course is an introduction to the sociological study of marriage and family, its structures, and functions. The course explores the functions of family; changes in families over time and assesses how families both affect social life and are affected by it. There is an emphasis on sociological theory and research on marriage, kinship systems, components of mate selection, intimate relationships and parenting practices.

This course introduces how sociologists study families and along with them, topics that seem very personal, emotional and important to many of us - ideals about love, marriage, gender, parenthood, work, and human sexuality. It explores how wider social forces, including the state, the media, the workforce, race, class, and the sex/gender system, influence both our cultural assumptions about the marriage and family. A larger aim of this course is to integrate research, theory, and practical ideas so that people can pursue healthy and productive relationships. Students are expected to keep up with the readings and enhance the energy level of the classroom. This class is based on active student participation in class discussions.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

SOC211E

### Host Institution Course Title

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### Host Institution Campus

International Christian University

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

**Host Institution Department**

Sociology

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