COURSE DETAIL

SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY
Country Korea, South
Host Institution Korea University
Program(s) Korea University
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Women’s & Gender Studies Sociology
UCEAP Course Number 16
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY
UCEAP Transcript Title SOCIOLOGY OF FAMILY
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course examines the idea of family as a social institution that is both historically and culturally situated and investigates how the family unit both shapes and is shaped by transformations in the economy, the state, and other social institutions, as well as the systemic forces of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, nationalism, and other structural factors.

The course critically evaluates theoretical frameworks and current research on family dynamics in the West and examines the challenges encountered by contemporary families in Korea. Moreover, it facilitates reflection on the underlying structural factors contributing to and potential resolutions for other social problems unique in the Korean context.

Some topics covered in the course will include: how the nuclear family came to be treated as natural; how the concept of family has historically evolved; how contemporary sexuality and dating has transformed family formations; the inequality of race, gender, and class in family forms; the emergence of diverse families and changes in the roles of family members; an increase in small households and single-person households; the rise in the age at first marriage and the decline in birth rates; the dynamics of parent-child relationships, parenting practices, household labor, and the distribution of household chores; population aging; transnational and immigrant families; and other related topics.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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