

## **COURSE OUTLINE**

**Course Code / Title** : HS2014 The Changing Family

**Pre-requisites** : HS1001 Person and Society

**No. of AUs.** : 3

**Contact Hours** : 39

### **Course Aims**

The purpose of this subject is to see the family through a sociological lens. What do all families have in common? How do they diverge? Why does the family matter? This class aims to introduce students to the important concepts and tools of analysis concerning this universal social institution called the family. We will also examine the role of new reproductive technologies in shaping the family – raising the specter of made-to-order babies for the very rich, while also opening up new possibilities for non-nuclear families (lesbian and gay parents, surrogate parents, etc.). Finally, capitalism and the nation-state are forces shaping families and family life. Sources will include historical materials, ethnographies, and mass media, both print and film.

### **Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)**

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Define the concepts, theories, and methods of Sociology of the Family
2. Use the institution of the family as a lens to explain social, economic, cultural and political changes in societies.
3. Appraise the theories that explain family formations and changes.

### **Course Content**

The Family: Form and Content  
Family Structure and Family Diversity  
The Changing Family in Asia  
The Changing Family in Western World  
Reproductive Technology and The Family  
The Second Shift  
The Commercialization of Family Services

### **Course Assessment**

CA1 Class participation : 10%

CA2 Class presentation : 20%

CA3 Individual term paper : 30%

Final Examination : 40%

**Total** -----  
**100%**