

**APPLIED ARTS DIVISION
ELCC 221
3 Credit Course
Fall, 2018**



COURSE OUTLINE

ELCC 221

ECOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

**45 HOURS
3 CREDITS**

PREPARED BY: Rebecca Fenton, Instructor DATE:

APPROVED BY: Dr Andrew Richardson, Dean DATE:

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ECOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

INSTRUCTOR:

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DATES: Sept 5 - Dec 5, 2018;
Wednesday

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an overview of the family in contemporary Canadian society. It is designed to deepen the student's understanding of, and empathy with, the families with whom they will be working. Focus is on the ecology of the modern family with particular reference to northern and indigenous families, collective societies, affluence, poverty, violence, special needs, the women's movement, men's involvement and roles, the children's rights movement, the relationship of the family and the world of work, and adjustment to alternative lifestyles. The course explores the shifting patterns, demands, roles, and values that create new kinds of family relations.

PREREQUISITES

Completion of ELCC Certificate or permission from ELCC Coordinator

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will:

- Identify and describe different shapes and processes of families and family-like relationships by examining a variety of definitions of family, including a personal definition
- Identify elements of family diversity and explain how historical/societal changes have contributed to that diversity

- Explain some of the key differences and similarities between Northern, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, rural and urban families.
- Explain the effects of poverty and affluence, domestic violence, parenting styles, divorce, work roles, geographical location, etc. have on family life and the development of children.
- Identify community resources that would be helpful to a family in specific situations
- Recognize and explain personal attitudes, values and biases in relation to topics discussed and analyze how these things affect their work with families.

DELIVERY METHODS/FORMAT

This 45-hour course will be delivered in the classroom setting and/or via web-conferencing by the instructor. The presentation of information will be delivered primarily by the instructor and occasionally by guest speaker.

Each lesson will include a variety of teaching/learning experiences. These strategies may include lecture, large and small discussion groups, in-class projects, experiences, simulations, role plays, observations, readings, audio-visual aids, guest speakers, and students' individual assignments.

ASSESSMENTS

Much of the learning is done in the classroom. Students learn from each other, as well as from the instructor; therefore, attendance and appropriate participation are essential.

Attendance is mandatory. Because experiential exercises and other activities are such an important component, success in the course is dependent on a high level of participation. If you miss classes or experimental activities you may be asked to withdraw or you may not be allowed to return to class.

Students are expected to attend and participate in all classes, are expected to be actively involved in discussions, and must take responsibility for their own learning. Students' personal experience and thoughts will provide much of the

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material for discussion; therefore, it is expected that students are prepared for classes by having completed the required readings, assignments and other assigned work. Emphasis will be placed on learning by doing and on personal reflection on individual experiences.

As stated in Yukon College's Academic Regulations: "Students in all program areas are expected to attend classes and will be informed of any specific attendance requirements for their course by their instructors at the beginning of the term." It is the responsibility of the student to collect the information from classmates if they are absent from all or a portion of a class. Students are responsible for obtaining handouts and completing assignments for any classes missed.

Professional behaviour is expected. If a class should be missed, the student will communicate with their instructor ahead of time.

Note: If a student becomes absent from more than 10% of the course, the instructor may designate make-up assignment(s), which would be designed to demonstrate the student's understanding of content missed. This opportunity is at the discretion of the instructor and, if undertaken, will be accompanied by an assignment contract.

ASSIGNMENTS

Each assignment is designed to help the student synthesize knowledge from class, readings, personal knowledge, and traditional knowledge to build greater understanding. Planned class discussions are enriched when students have completed assigned work at the appropriate time. Material from student assignments also plays an important role in helping the instructor design class activities and lectures to best suit the group of students. Therefore, handing in assignments on the due dates is very important.

Please note that **ALL** assignments must be completed in a satisfactory manner (over 50% grade) to receive a passing grade for the course.

Assignments will be discussed at the beginning of the course and presented in writing with criteria clearly defined. All students are encouraged to contact the instructor if they have questions or concerns about assignments or their progress. In exceptional circumstances, students may discuss alternate arrangements with their instructor (such as late submission of assignments, etc.).

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ALL assignments must also be submitted punctually. **5% will be deducted** for each calendar day that an assignment is late.

Please see additional comments about assignments in the assignment package.

EVALUATION

| ASSIGNMENT # | ASSIGNMENT NAME | VALUE |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Assignment #1 | Weekly Homework& Reflections | 30% |
| Assignment #2 | Creative Project | 25 % |
| Assignment #3 | Article Review OR Diary of Topic | 20% |
| Assignment #4 | Graffiti Presentation and Report | 25 % |
| | | 100 % |

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS

McDaniel, S. and Tepperman, L. (2015), *Close Relations: An Introduction to the Sociology of Families* (5th Ed.). Toronto: Pearson Canada.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT CONDUCT

Information on academic standing and student rights and responsibilities can be found in the current Academic Regulations that are posted on the Student Services/ Admissions & Registration web page.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. Plagiarism occurs when a student submits work for credit that includes the words, ideas, or data of others, without citing the source from which the material is taken. Plagiarism can be the deliberate use of a whole piece of work, but more frequently it occurs when students fail to acknowledge and document sources from which they have taken material according to an accepted manuscript style (e.g., APA, CSE, MLA, etc.). Students may use sources which are public domain or licensed under Creative Commons; however, academic documentation standards must still be followed. Except with explicit permission of the instructor, resubmitting work which has previously

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received credit is also considered plagiarism. Students who plagiarize material for assignments will receive a mark of zero (F) on the assignment and may fail the course. Plagiarism may also result in dismissal from a program of study or the College.

YUKON FIRST NATIONS CORE COMPETENCY

Yukon College recognizes that a greater understanding and awareness of Yukon First Nations history, culture and journey towards self-determination will help to build positive relationships among all Yukon citizens. As a result, to graduate from ANY Yukon College program, you will be required to achieve core competency in knowledge of Yukon First Nations. For details, please see www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/yfnccr.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

Reasonable accommodations are available for students requiring an academic accommodation to fully participate in this class. These accommodations are available for students with a documented disability, chronic condition or any other grounds specified in section 8.0 of the Yukon College Academic Regulations (available on the Yukon College website). It is the student's responsibility to seek these accommodations. If a student requires an academic accommodation, he/she should contact the Learning Assistance Centre (LAC): lac@yukoncollege.yk.ca.