

Module Code	ECAY6004
Title	Relationships, Communication and Families in Contemporary Society
Date	27/03/2019
Level	6
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	None

AIM(S)

- To allow students to explore the contested nature of individual identity and the concept of families as portrayed in contemporary society.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- critically reflect upon the various representations of what constitutes 'family' in the 21st century;
- critically explore the relationship between the individual, 'family' and contemporary society;
- critically reflect upon why there are tensions between representations of the individual, family and contemporary society in the post-modern age.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Considerations of the framing of what constitutes 'family' both historically and culturally. The role of narratives of hetero-normatively in the construction of identity and families in a modern world.
- Critical discussion of industrialisation and modernisation, sexual orientation, gender, disability, class and poverty, demographic change, social divisions, family and state and impact upon family values. Legislation, policy and welfare implications for the modern family/individual. An exploration of the relevance family has within our modern sustainable society.
- Theoretical links to patriarchy, ideal family, work orientations, sex-role ideology, employment, occupational choice. Consideration of what it means to be part of a family in the Post-Modern Age. Investigating the tensions within the family over the life course.
- Exploration of the role of multi-media, social media, broadcasting, narrowcasting and other forms of communication on the perceptions of society with regard to individual identity and the nature of the 'family'.

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	30	15%
Independent learning	170	85%
Placement learning		
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Essay	2500 words	50%

Assessment Component 2

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Portfolio of Evidence	2500 word (equivalent)	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	
Coursework	100%
Practical	
TOTAL	100%

READING LIST

Module Code	ECAY6004	
Module Title	Relationships, Communication and Families in Contemporary Society	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Hakim, C. (2017) <i>Models of the Family in Modern Societies: Ideals and Realities</i> . Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate Publishing Limited.	☐
Essential	Montanari G and Schlinzig T (2019) <i>Family and Space: Rethinking Family Theory and Empirical Approaches (Routledge Studies in Family Sociology)</i> , London: Routledge.	☐
Essential	McCarthy, J. R., Doolittle, M. and Sclater, S. D. (2012) <i>Understanding Family Meanings: A Reflective Text</i> . Bristol: Policy Press.	☐
Essential	White, J.M. (2014) <i>Family Theories: An Introduction</i> , Thousand Oaks, California: Sage.	☐
Further	Allan, G. A. (2001) <i>The Sociology of the Family: A Reader</i> . Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Ltd.	☐
Further	Andersen, M. L. and Taylor, H. F. (2011) <i>Sociology: Understanding a Diverse Society</i> . Belmont, CA: Thomson Higher Education.	☐

Further	Berger, B. (2017) <i>The Family in the Modern Age: More than a Lifestyle Choice</i> . New Jersey: Treansaction Publishing.	☐
Further	Cheal, D. (2003) <i>Family: Critical Concepts in Sociology</i> . London: Routledge.	☐
Further	Clayton, M. and Williams, A. (2011) <i>Social Justice: Blackwell Readings in Philosophy</i> . Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.	☐
Further	Collins, D., Jordan, C. and Coleman, H. (2010) <i>An Introduction to Family Social Work</i> . Belmont, CA: Cengage Learning.	☐
Further	David, M. E. (2003) <i>Personal and Political: Feminisms, Sociology and Family Lives</i> . Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire: Trentham Books Ltd.	☐
Further	King, C., Chen, Z. E., Jamieson, L., Simpson, R. and Lewis, R. (2011) <i>Researching Families and Relationships: Reflections of Process: Palgrave Macmillan Studies in Family and Intimate Life</i> . Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan.	☐
Further	<u>Smith, C.D.</u> , Kornblum, W. (2012) <i>Sociology in a Changing World</i> . Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.	☐
Further	Lamanna, M. A. and Riedmann, A. (2015) <i>Marriages and Families: Making Choices in a Diverse Society</i> . Belmont, CA: Wadsworth – Thomson Higher Education.	☐
Further	Lindsey, L.L. (2019) <i>Gender Roles: A Sociological Perspective</i> Abingdon: Routledge	☐
Further	Miller, R. W. (2010) <i>Globalizing Justice: The Ethics of Poverty and Power</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press.	☐
Further	Newman, D. M. and Grauerholz, E. (2002) <i>Sociology of Families</i> . Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications Inc.	☐
Further	Newman, D. M. (2014) <i>Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life</i> . Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications Inc.	☐
Further	Strickland, R. (2002) <i>Growing Up Post-modern: Neo-liberalism and the War on the Young</i> . Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield	☐