

1010A Introduction to Families in Canada Family Studies and Human Development

School of Behavioural and Social Sciences

In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course moving away from in-person delivery, course content may be delivered online either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). There may also be changes to any remaining assessments at the discretion of the course instructor. In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence, detailed information about the impact on this course will be communicated by the Office of the Dean and by the course instructor.

Course:	1010A
Section:	531
Term:	Fall
Year:	2022
Class Time:	Fridays 11:30am – 2:30pm
Course Location:	BR 304

Instructor Information:

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Course Description:

This introductory course explains the field of Family Studies, examining the factors that shape family life, from individual psychology to group dynamics to social forces such as the workplace, the economy, and the government. Families are considered across the life course, and family diversity is highlighted.

Course Antirequisite(s): FS 1020, FS 1010AB

Course Prerequisite(s): none

Required Course Materials

Bélanger, M., & Ward, M. (2018). *The Family Dynamic: Canadian Perspectives* (7th Ed.). Toronto: Nelson.

Attendance and Participation:

Participation means not only attendance, but an active engagement in the class, throughout the entire class. Students who miss classes or parts of classes are responsible for the material they have missed. Instructors are not obliged to review the contents of lectures, repeat announcements or retain notes, handouts or overheads.

Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course or Chair of the department (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, **the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course.** The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

I consider 'absent too frequently' to be the 3rd unexcused absence.

Learning Outcomes: by the end of this course, students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of terminology, concepts, and theories associated with studying families in Canada.
2. Identify and explain the different stages of family life.
3. Describe how the life course theory helps us understand the characteristics and processes of families in different stages.
4. Identify ways in which families relate and are influenced by the institutions of their society.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the range of diversity of contemporary Canadian families
6. Understand some of the challenges facing Canadian families, such as poverty and violence
7. Identify how Canadian families likely will continue to change in the future
8. Reflect upon one's own attitudes and beliefs about families and family roles
9. Develop skills in synthesizing Family Studies knowledge, and presenting it professionally and coherently

Brescia Competencies

Communication: the ability to exchange information and meaning across cultures, space, and time appropriately and correctly. This competency includes oral, written, and interpersonal communication, and the ability to use current or innovative media.

Inquiry and Analysis: the ability to ask questions, examine issues, and reach informed conclusions by breaking down complex issues, exploring evidence, and describing relationships among persons, things or events.

Problem Solving: the ability to create and execute a strategy to answer a question or achieve a goal. Includes being able to anticipate the consequences of a potential solution, select a strategy among several alternatives, and decide when an acceptable outcome has been reached.

Self-Awareness & Development: the ability to draw meaning, knowledge, and value from honest and fair reflection and self-evaluation. Students are able to recognize their emotions and patterns of thinking, their impact on others, and make a commitment to personal growth.

Critical Thinking: the ability to engage in thinking characterized by the rational, informed, independent, and open-minded exploration of issues, ideas, and events before accepting or formulating a conclusion.

Valuing: the ability to make decisions or choose actions based on the consistent application of principles expressing fundamental values that are accepted on account of reason or spiritual insight.

Social Awareness and Engagement: the ability to respect and be open to diversity and social justice. Students take personal responsibility to actively engage in and contribute to creating positive change in local, regional, national, or global communities and societies.

Expectations of Students:

Expectations of students regarding use of OWL:

All course information (power point slides, syllabus, announcements etc.) will be posted to OWL. It is your responsibility to be using / checking the OWL course site on a regular basis.

Expectations of students regarding email:

Do	Do Not
Use email for addressing administrative issues: *arranging a time to meet *reporting a class absence *reporting a missed exam or assignment	Do not use email to ask questions about course material, for example, definitions, differences between theoretical perspectives. Do not use email to ask questions about testable exam content. (See course syllabus)
Use your UWO email account for all email correspondence	Do not use email to ask me what you missed while you were absent from class. (Consult the course syllabus or a classmate)
Ensure that before you've emailed me, you've checked the course syllabus for the information you are about to request. If available on syllabus, I will re-direct you back to syllabus.	Do not use email to submit any assignments. Assignments are due on OWL under "assignment tab"

Please note that given the nature of this course and possible disclosure of personal information please refrain from sharing others' personal information when outside of the classroom forum.

This class will allow many opportunities for class interaction and discussions done online. I encourage and welcome your active participation. Although we may not always agree with each other, we will treat each other with respect, consideration and warmth.

Lecture Content

Lectures and power point slides will cover elements of the chapters (and additional material) but will not summarize every single concept in a chapter: you are expected to read the material yourselves, and ask questions in class, if something is unclear. This is a survey class and a large amount of material is covered, plus we have videos, guest speakers, activities, etc. Exams will cover all reading material and all class material. If you miss a class and want to get the notes, please ask a classmate.

We may cover sensitive topics in class and class materials, including death, violence, sexual assault, bullying, alcoholism, and more. Topics related to sex and reproduction will be discussed, as will sexuality and gender.

Please also be aware that a range of opinions and ideas may be expressed in class. We may not always agree with each other but we should treat each other with calmness and consideration.

Expectations of students regarding missed exams:

Students, who do not write the examination as indicated in the class schedule, will **NOT** be allowed to write a make-up examination unless the steps under academic accommodation have been followed.

If you are absent for an examination and intend to seek academic accommodation, **I require that you send me an email notification the same day that you miss the test**, barring an exceptional extenuating circumstance.

Similarly, missed assignments or participation marks may not be made up later and will result in the reduction of marks unless you receive academic accommodation through an Academic Advisor.

Copyright and Intellectual Property

PowerPoint lecture slides and notes, lists of readings, in-class activities, assignment guidelines, and other components of the course materials are typically the intellectual property of the instructor. Unauthorized reproduction through audio-recording, video-recording, photographing, sharing on social media, or posting on course-sharing websites is an infringement of copyright and is prohibited. Such action may be considered a Code of Conduct violation and lead to sanctions.

Academic Accommodation:

For course components worth 10% or more of the total course grade, please see the Academic Policies and Regulations section at the end of this course outline or consult the Academic Calendar.

For course components worth less than 10% of the total course grade, documentation will be required. Medical or other supporting documentation should be submitted to your Academic Advisor.

Evaluation: important information

Reading assigned chapters in full is the expectation for examination purposes. Do **not** rely only on power point slides. There will **not** be any make-up examinations or extra work for purpose of improving grades.

Evaluation Breakdown:

Component	Weight	Date/ Deadline	Learning Outcome	Brescia Competencies
Midterm Exam 1	25%	Sept 30	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Critical thinking, problem solving, Inquiry and Analysis level 1
Midterm Exam 2	25%	Oct 28	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Critical Thinking, Inquiry and Analysis, Problem Solving, level 1
Final Exam	30%	To be set by office of registrar	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Critical Thinking, Communication, Self-Awareness & Development; level 1
Written Assignment	20%	Nov 25 by 11:30am	1, 4 ,6, 8, 9	Communication, Critical Thinking, Inquiry and Analysis, Problem Solving, Self-Awareness and Development, Valuing, level 1

UWO Grade Scale:

A+ 90-100	One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level
A 80-89	Superior work which is clearly above average
B 70-79	Good work, meeting all requirements, and eminently satisfactory
C 60-69	Competent work, meeting requirements
D 50-59	Fair work, minimally acceptable
F below 50	Fail

Course Content:

Sequence of course: Topics will be covered in the order listed and dates listed are meant as a guideline.

For students with Accommodations through Accommodated Exam Services

Each exam is a timed assessment. If you are a student with accommodations please ensure your accommodations are active on the Accommodated Exam website <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/Accommodatedexamssignup/> for this course **the required number of days before the assessment** to ensure that AES has enough time to schedule your exam with them.

Weekly Class Organizer:

Class/ Topic	Date	Description	Assignments and/or Readings Due
1	Sept 9	Course Introduction & expectations Family Theory and Methodology	CH 1
2	Sept 16	Diversity and Social Justice Intimate Relationships	CH 2 CH 3
3	Sept 23	Marriage and Cohabitation	CH 4
4	Sept 30	Exam (25%) Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4	
5	Oct 7	Childbearing Decisions and Issues Raising and Socializing Children	CH 5 CH 6
6	Oct 14	Middle Years and Aging Aging	CH 7 CH 8
7	Oct 21	Lone Parent Families	CH 9
8	Oct 28	Exam (25%) Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	
9	Nov 4	Reading week – no class today	
	Nov 11	Divorce Remarriage and Step-families	CH 10 CH 11

10	Nov 18	Problems in Families Abuse and Violence	CH 13 CH 14
11	Nov 25	Families in Poverty Written Assignment Due – submit to OWL course site under “assignment” tab. Due by 11:30am.	CH 15
12	Dec 2	Future of the Canadian Family Catch up Last Class	CH 16

2022-23 Brescia University College Academic Policies and Regulations

1. Policy Regarding Academic Accommodation

The complete policy regarding Accommodation for Illness - Undergraduate Students can be found at https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_135

Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions which may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities should seek Academic Accommodation through Student Accessibility Services (https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10).

Personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are not grounds for academic accommodation.

Students who experience an illness or extenuating circumstance sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

1. For medical absences, submitting a Student Medical Certificate (SMC) signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner;
2. For non-medical absences, submitting appropriate documentation (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Advisor to clarify what documentation is acceptable.

Request for Academic Consideration for a Medical Absence

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation must be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation.

Academic accommodation for illness will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated.

The following conditions apply for students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds:

1. Students must submit their Student Medical Certificate (SMC) along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. An SMC can be downloaded from https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf;

2. In cases where there might be an extended absence or serious issue, students should submit their documentation promptly and consult their Academic Advisor for advice during their recovery period;
3. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, scheduled tests or examinations, and other academic requirements;
4. Students must communicate with their instructors no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the SMC to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence;
5. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office/Academic Advisor in consultation with the course instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements, arranging Special Exams (make-ups), re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawal without academic penalty.

2. Academic Concerns

If you feel that you have a medical or personal challenge that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds are not normally considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor (https://brescia.uwo.ca/enrolment_services/academic_advising/book_an_appointment.php). If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines; please contact your Academic Advisor or see the list of sessional dates in the Academic Calendar (<https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>).

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

3. Absences

Short Absences: If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Please note that for asynchronous online courses, attendance or participation requirements maybe different than for synchronous or in-person courses.

Extended Absences: If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work, and arrange academic accommodations if appropriate and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory

(https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_64).

4. Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at:

https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Academic Dean's Office, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com.

Computer-marked Tests/exams:

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. **Software**

currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

5. Procedures for Appealing Academic Evaluations

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal is to be sent to the School Chair. If the response of the Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then submit a written appeal to the Office of the Dean. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean, they may appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA), if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and if the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the SRBA. For information on academic appeals consult your Academic Advisor or see the Student Academic Appeals – Undergraduate in the Academic Calendar

https://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14.

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices.

6. Prerequisites

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written Special Permission from the Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisite(s).

7. Support

Support Services

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. Students can access supports through Brescia's Student Life Centre (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/student-life/>) and Learning Development & Success at Western (<https://www.uwo.ca/sdc/learning/>).

Mental Health and Wellness

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can obtain information about how to obtain help for yourself or others through Health & Wellness at Brescia, <https://brescia.uwo.ca/student-life/health-and-wellness/index.php>

and Health and Wellness at Western, http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html.

Sexual Violence

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the **prevention of, and**

response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at https://brescia.uwo.ca/safe_campus/sexual_violence/index.php.

Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy, and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations. This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.