

SO 224 : Families and Society

This course will introduce you to how sociologists study families, identifying the core concepts, theories, and methods used by scholars as well as exploring the history, present, and future of families in America. We will consider both the “public” and “private” dimensions of families over the course of the semester - families as settings for socially important tasks such as raising children and caring for family members, but also as the place where we experience much of our private lives. The course culminates in a research paper exploring a family-related social problem.

Credits 4.0