



## Gender, Work & Family (1) | SOU22021

Year	Senior Fresh
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	22
Pre-requisite	None
Semester	1
Module Leader & Lecturer	
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### Module Outline:

This module examines families, gender and work from an applied contemporary perspective. The module will provide key theoretical approaches and empirical tools for a better understanding of family life and gender relations in contemporary society. The module will focus on key questions like: (1) what are the weaknesses and strengths of contemporary theories on families and gender?; (2) how does individual development change from birth to old age across demographic groups?; (3) Why do men and women differ in their work attitudes, time use and access to power in society?; (4) What is the role of structural/racial inequalities in family relations across contemporary societies?; (5) How can policies shape, or even transform, family relations and gender roles in contemporary European societies?

### Learning Objectives:

- Students successfully completing the module should be able to:
  - - Critically assess the concept of families and gender from a sociological perspective.
  - - Understand and examine the changes in families and gender relations over recent decades by using a life-course perspective.
  - - Identify and assess the key sociological theories and debates on gender and families.
  - - Evaluate contemporary quantitative and qualitative studies on gender and work-family topics from a comparative perspective
  - - Engage with a “real-world” understanding of the complex links between individuals, families, communities, markets and institutions.

### Assessment:

Coursework (100%)



## Recommended Reading List:

- Chambers, D., (2012). *A sociology of family life*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
- Cohen, P.N., (2015). *The family: Diversity, inequality, and social change*. WW Norton.
- Coltrane, S. (2004) *Families and Society: Classic and Contemporary Readings*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.
- Wharton, A. (2012) *The Sociology of Gender: An Introduction to Theory and Research*, Second edition. Wiley-Blackwell
- Scott, J., Treas, J. and Richards, M. eds., (2014). *The Blackwell companion to the sociology of families* (Vol. 25). Oxford: Wiley Blackwell.