



## Gender, Work, and Family 1 | SOU22021

Year	Senior Freshman
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	22
Pre-requisite	
Semester	1
Module Leader & Lecturer	Dr. David Ralph
Contact Email	RALPHDA@tcd.ie

### 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 inequalities in family relations across contemporary societies?; (5) How can policies shape, or even transform, family relations and gender roles in contemporary European societies?

### Module Learning Outcomes:

- To critically and analytically evaluate the concept of families and gender from a sociological perspective.
- To understand and critically examine the changes that families and gender relations have experienced in recent decades.
- To identify and critically assess the key sociological theories and debates on gender and families.
- To evaluate contemporary quantitative and qualitative studies on gender and work family topics.
- To engage in a “real-world” understanding of the complex links between individuals, families, communities, markets, and institutions from a cross-cultural perspective.



**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.
- Padavic, I. and Reskin, B (2002) Women and Men at Work, Second edition. Pine Forge Press.
- Scott, J., Treas, J. and Richards, M. eds., (2014). The Blackwell companion to the sociology of families (Vol. 25). Oxford: Wiley Blackwell.