COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is aimed at providing an international perspective on families.

- The overarching goal is to explore the various factors (e.g., economic, political, cultural, social) that affect families living in different countries.

- In the 21st century, these factors operate at an increasingly global level, extending across traditional national and cultural boundaries. Thus, the course will use globalization as its analytical framework.

- For example, we will consider how families are affected by ...
  - global market forces (e.g., what impact does the globalization of labor have on parents and children?)
  - the globalization of ideas (e.g., how do changes in gender-related attitudes and views about child development transmitted through the media and other sources affect family life?).

- We will also consider variations among families in different parts of the globe and examine variations due to historical, political, and cultural contexts.

This course satisfies the General Education Criteria for:

Non-Western Cultures and Social Sciences.