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Gender, family and households 861 (SOC 861)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Humanities](#)

Module credits 30.00

Programmes [MSocSci Gender Studies \(Coursework\)](#)

[MSocSci Sociology \(Coursework\)](#)

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 lecture per week, 1 seminar per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This course takes a macro-level perspective and introduces students to scholarly accounts of the changing historical trajectory of gender relations, marriage as an institution, family forms, and household composition and livelihoods and the implications thereof for understanding gender as a social relation. As such, it adopts a historical and comparative perspective, with a specific focus on Southern Africa. In addition, the module explores the role and impact of supra-state organisations, the state and the market in mediating and regulating gender identities and relations, as well as family and household forms, against the backdrop of the nation-state form and in the context of capitalism and neo-liberalism particularly.

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