Introduction
The comprehensive exam on family scholarship is organized into 14 modules. Within modules, readings are listed in chronological order to give you a sense of the historical development of the arguments and the questions posed within these subfields. Please keep in mind that readings may be relevant across more than one module but are listed only once; read with an eye on connections within and across modules. The list also includes several review articles. Their purpose is to provide you with an overview of a given subfield within the sociology of families and help you to situate the arguments made in the other articles or book chapters. Be careful about how you employ review articles in your answer. Your answers should first and foremost rely on articles/chapters reporting authors’ own research to demonstrate your ability to synthesize different arguments, make connections and highlight contrasts between them.

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**Supplementary Readings:**


### 3. Social History of Families [10]


**Supplementary Readings:**


4. **Classic Family Studies [23]**


5. **Families in the Economy [18]**


Supplementary Reading:
Luxton, Meg and June Corman. 2001. *Getting By in Hard Times: Gendered Labour at Home and on the Job*. University of Toronto Press. [Chpts. 2, 5, 6, and 7]

6. Families and Immigration; Transnational Families [7]

7. Sexuality and Dating [7]

**Supplementary reading:**

**8. Marriage; Cohabitation [16]**
Supplementary Reading:

9. Divorce and Blended Families [7]
Kurz, Demie. 1995. *For Richer, for Poorer: Mothers Confront Divorce*. Routledge. [Chpts. 2 and 4]
Powell, Brian; Bolzendahl, Catherine; Geist, Claudia, and Steelman, Lala Carr. 2010. *Counted Out: Same-Sex Relations and American’s Definitions of Family*. New York: Russel Sage. [Chpt. 1 Family Counts and Chpt. 2 Who Counts as Family?]

Supplementary Readings:

10. LGBTQ Partnerships and Families [7]


Supplementary Reading:

Kelly, Fiona. 2011. Transforming Law’s Family: The Legal Recognition of Planned Lesbian Motherhood. UBC Press. [Chpts. 1, 2, and 3]


**Supplementary Readings:**

Ranson, Gillian. 2010. *Against the Grain: Couples, Gender, and the Reframing of Parenting*. University of Toronto Press. [Chpts. 3, 4, and 7]


**12. Household Labour and Carework [12]**


Thébaud, Sarah, Sabino Kornrich, and Leah Ruppanner. 2019. “Good Housekeeping, Great Expectations: Gender and Housework Norms.” *Sociological Methods & Research* (OnlineFirst)

13. **Families and the State [21]**


Bezanson, Kate. 2006. *Gender, the State and Social Reproduction: Household Insecurity and Neo-Liberal Times*. Toronto: Univ. of Toronto Press. [Chpts. 1, 4, 5, and 6]


Supplementary Readings:


Violence in Families [7]


