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The Sociocultural Context of Families
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Survey of family dynamics of ethnic minority families in the U.S.

This course focuses on how cultural values and belief structures, historical events, immigration and adjustment experiences, socioeconomic conditions, and other sociopolitical processes (e.g., discrimination and stereotypes) shape the current family compositions and functioning patterns of ethnic minority families (American Indians, Latinos, African-, and Asian-Americans) in the United States. About 36% of the US population is non-white and the U.S. Census projects that by the year 2050, non-white families will make up about 50% of the U.S. population. Considering the increasingly variegated sociocultural fabric of people's lives in the U.S., our academic learning and professional practices must reflect the diverse values and beliefs embedded in American society.

Why this course is so great
Discuss and debate theories and empirical findings and relate them to personal views and experiences.

Topics covered
Topics include gender roles, mate selection, immigration, conjugal power, intermarriage, child development, parenting, the elderly, kinship patterns and reciprocal impact of social environments and family systems.

Course days/times/requirements?
MTWRF, 1-3 pm (summer: June 4-29, 2018)

Quote from the instructor
Diversity is a way of life in American society.
Zia Hossain

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Understand personal behaviors and beliefs, neighborhoods, schools, and work place within the context of diverse American values and practices.