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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5. Families in the Economy [23]
Hays, Sharon. 1996. The Cultural Contradictions of Motherhood. Yale University Press. [Chpts. 1 and 5] (2 units)


6. **Families and Immigration; Transnational Families [7]**


7. **Sexuality and Dating [8]**


Choi, Kate H. and Marta Tienda. 2017. “Marriage-Market Constraints and Mate-Selection

### 8. Marriage; Cohabitation [17]


### 9. Divorce and Blended Families [10]

Kurz, Demie. 1995. *For Richer, for Poorer: Mothers Confront Divorce*. Routledge. [Chpts. 2 and 4] (2 units)


10. LGBTQ Partnerships and Families [10]


11. Parenthood [18]


DeVault, Marjorie. 1991. Feeding the Family: The Social Organization of Caring as Gendered Work. Univ. of Cal. Press. [Chpts. 1, 2, and 3] (3 units)


13. Families and the State [22]


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] (4 units)


14. Violence in Families [8]