

**UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI.**

**INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY GENDER AND AFRICAN STUDIES,**

**B.A. 11 ANTHROPOLOGY**

**NAF 204 FAMILY AND KINSHIP.**

**INSTRUCTOR: W. SUBBO**

Definition of the family; theories on the origin of the family, constitution of the family; types of families and marriage arrangements; terminologies and geneologies, descent and kinship; marital residence patterns, affinal relationship and child socialization patterns, Kinship classifications; division of labour among family members; religion and the family; inheritance; child neglect and the status of illegitimate children; family aging; the impact of colonialism; modernization, urbanization, globalization and industrialization on the family. Education and cultural change and the family.

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13. Impact of culture change on the family.

Revision

**Examination**

Cat- 30%  
Final Exam 70%  
Total 100%

**READING LIST:**

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