

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-351 Family Law I

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-351	Family Law I	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	Sophomore standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Upper Division	English

Course Description

1. The family and marriage. Definitions. Prohibitions. Void and void able marriages. Formalities.
2. Cohabitation. Contracts. Common law.
3. Financial aspects of the family. Duty of support. State and private support. Family property.
4. Divorce. Background. Matrimonial Causes Act 1973. Family Law Act 1996. Adjudication and mediation. Maintenance and capital provision.
5. Domestic violence. Criminal and civil remedies.

Instructor

Dr Martha Hayes Sampson

Course Aims and Objectives

Course designed to introduce the student to the theory and practice of Family Law. The course will give particular emphasis to the legal structure of the family and the husband-wife relationship.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, discussions, presentations, and problem-solving activities.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (30 hours of lectures, 12 hours of seminars/tutorials and student-led presentation/seminars). The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14 weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Assigned work:	25%
Interim tests:	25%
Final Exam:	50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

SM Cretney, et al, Principles of Family Law, 7th ed, Thomson, 2003

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R Probert, Cretney's Family Law, Thomson, 2003

J Herring, Family Law, Longman, 2001

K. Standley, Family Law, 3rd ed, Palgrave Law Masters, 2001