



**Course Information**

<b>Course Title</b>	Family Law
<b>Course Prefix, Num. and Title</b>	LGLA 1355 Family Law
<b>Division</b>	Technology & Business
<b>Department</b>	Paralegal Studies
<b>Course Type</b>	WECM Course
<b>Course Catalog Description</b>	This course presents fundamental concepts of family law including formal and informal marriages, divorce, annulment, martial property, and the parent-child relationship with emphasis on the paralegal's role in family law.
<b>Pre-Requisites</b>	None
<b>Co-Requisites</b>	None

**Semester Credit Hours**

<b>Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): Lecture Hours:</b>	3:3:0
<b>Lab/Other Hours</b>	
<b>Equated Pay Hours</b>	3
<b>Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Lab Hours</b>	0
<b>Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Clinical Hours</b>	0
<b>Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Practicum Hours</b>	0
<b>Other Hours Breakdown</b>	0

**Approval Signatures**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Prepared by:</b>		
<b>Department Head:</b>		
<b>Division Chair:</b>		
<b>Dean/VPI:</b>		
<b>Approved by CIR:</b>		

## Additional Course Information

**Topical Outline:** Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, and clinical or other non-lecture instruction).

1. Week 1,
2. Topic: Introduction to Family Law Practice
3. Week 2,
4. Topic: Ethics in Family Law
5. Week 3,
6. Topics: Prenuptial Agreements, Cohabitation, and Same-Sex Marriage
7. Weeks 4-5
8. Topics: The Marriage Relationship, Spousal Maintenance, and Property and Debt Distribution.
9. Weeks 6-7
10. Topics: Child Custody, Visitation, and Rights of Third Parties
11. Weeks 8-10
12. Topic: Child Support, Modification of Suits Affecting the Parent/Child Relationship
13. Weeks 11-15
14. Topics: Pleadings in Family Law Cases, Discovery, the Divorce Trial and Termination of the Parent/ Child Relationship and Adoptions
15. Week 16-Final Exam

### Course Learning Outcomes:

**Learning Outcomes – Upon successful completion of this course, students will:**

1. Use terminology relating to family law
2. Analyze sources relating to family law
3. Draft documents used in family law
4. Analyze the ethical considerations of the paralegal in family law

### Methods of Assessment:

1. Exams
2. Exams and research projects
3. Drafting Exercises
4. Drafting Exercises

## Required text(s), optional text(s) and/or materials to be supplied by the student:

Text(s): Family Law & Practice, Luppino and Miller, Current Edition, Pearson

## Suggested Course Maximum:

30

## List any specific or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course.

Internet and computer access

## Course Requirements/Grading System:

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| 1. Midterm examination  | 30% |
| 2. Final examination  | 30% |
| 3. Family law drafting exercises                                      | 20% |
| 4. Research projects involving<br>application of family law resources | 20% |

## Grading Scale

A = 90% - 100%

B = 80% - 89%

C = 70% - 79%

D = 60% - 69%

F = 0% - 59%

## Curriculum Checklist:

- Administrative General Education Course** (from ACGM, but not in WCJC Core) – No additional documents needed.
- Administrative WCJC Core Course.** Attach the Core Curriculum Review Forms
  - Critical Thinking
  - Communication
  - Empirical & Quantitative Skills
  - Teamwork
  - Social Responsibility
  - Personal Responsibility
- WECM Course** -If needed, revise the Program SCANS Matrix and Competencies Checklist