

Administrative Master Syllabus

Course Information

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

Semester Credit Hours

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

Approval Signatures

Title	Signature	Date
Department Head:	David Kucera, Technology & Business Division Chair	08-01-2023

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).

Week 1:

- Topic: Introduction to Family Law Practice

Week 2:

- Topic: Ethics in Family Law

Week 3:

- Topics: Prenuptial Agreements, Cohabitation, and Same-Sex Marriage

Weeks 4-5:

- Topics: The Marriage Relationship, Spousal Maintenance, and Property and Debt Distribution.

Weeks 6-7:

- Topics: Child Custody, Visitation, and Rights of Third Parties

Weeks 8-10:

- Topic: Child Support, Modification of Suits Affecting the Parent/Child Relationship

Weeks 11-15:

- Topics: Pleadings in Family Law Cases, Discovery, the Divorce Trial and Termination of the Parent/ Child Relationship and Adoptions

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:

1. Midterm examination 30%
2. Final examination..... 30%
3. Family law drafting exercises 20%
4. Research projects involving 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