

**YORK TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Prefix/No: **LEG 213**
Course Title: **Family Law**
Lec Hours/Week: **3.0**
Lab Hours/Week: **0.0**
Credit Hours/Semester: **3.0**

[Distance Learning Attendance/VA Statement](#)
[Textbook Information](#)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course includes an examination of the laws of marriage, divorce, annulment, separation, adoption, custody, and the juvenile.

COURSE COMPETENCIES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be competent to complete the following tasks:

Module 1 – Premarital and Cohabitation Agreements, the Rules and Legalities of Marriage

- Discuss the scope of family law and its ever changing dynamics
- List and differentiate the various paralegal roles in a family law practice
- Define a premarital agreement
- Describe the requirements for a valid premarital agreement
- Define a cohabitation agreement
- Describe the requirements for a valid cohabitation agreement
- Explain the legal impact of a breach of a promise to marry
- Outline the requirements for a valid marriage
- Explain the concept of a civil union

Module 2 – Dissolution of Marriage

- Define an annulment
- List the grounds for an annulment
- Describe the legal consequences of an annulment
- List the grounds for divorce
- Outline the procedures for obtaining a divorce
- Describe the requirements of a separation agreement
- Define alimony and explain when it is awarded and how it is calculated
- Explain the tax consequences of separation and divorce

Module 3 – Child Custody and Child Support

- List and explain the different types of child custody arrangements
- Describe the different standards for determining child custody

- Outline the various situations which can affect custody arrangements
- Explain in detail the calculation, awarding, and enforcement of child support

Module 4 – Miscellaneous Family Law Matters

- Explain the concept of illegitimacy and the legal ramifications of it
- Outline the procedures for determining paternity when it is at issue
- Describe the legal status of minors when it comes to contracts, emancipation, property, and earning
- Explain the requirements and procedures for an adoption

MINIMAL STANDARDS

Minimal standards of performance on all course competencies for receiving credit for the course are indicated by 60% overall accuracy on evaluation instruments that address the course competencies listed above.

Required standards of performance on all course competencies for enrollment in subsequent higher-level legal courses are indicated by 70% overall accuracy on evaluation instruments that address the course competencies listed above.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students are responsible for attending all scheduled class meetings until they have completed all course assignments made in all classes. Students who are absent from a class more than 20% of the hours assigned will be withdrawn. Any student caught cheating or involved in other academic dishonesty will be given a grade of zero and will be subject to further disciplinary action.

EVALUATION STRATEGIES/GRADING

Module 1

Test(s) 12.5%
Project(s)/Homework 12.5%

Module 2

Test(s) 12.5%
Project(s)/Homework 12.5%

Module 3

Test(s) 12.5%
Project(s)/Homework 12.5%

Module 4

Test(s) 12.5%
Project(s)/Homework 12.5%

Grading Scale

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
Below 60	F

Prerequisites: ENG 100 and RDG 100 with minimum grades of “C”