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<b>Course Prefix/No:</b>	<b>LEG 213</b>
<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>Family Law</b>
<b>Lecture Hours/Week:</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Lab Hours/Week:</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Credit Hours/Semester:</b>	<b>3.0</b>

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### **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 10% of the hours assigned may 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)	20%
Project(s)/Homework	5%

##### **Module 2**

Test(s)	20%
Project(s)/Homework	5%

##### **Module 3**

Test(s)	20%
Project(s)/Homework	5%

##### **Module 4**

Test(s)	20%
Project(s)/Homework	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”

**CO-REQUISITES:** None

**Disabilities Statement:** Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability should contact the Special Resources Offices (SR) at 803-327-8007 in the 300 area of Student Services. The SRO coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities.