



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-195	Course Title Family Law I	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites LAW-295	Department Law	Semester Fall
Type of Course Compulsory	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Nikolaos Koumoutzis	Year of Study 1 st /2 nd /3 rd /4 th
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement -	Co-requisites None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Develop into students the theory and practice of family law
- Introduce the concepts and institutions pertaining to modern horizontal and individual family law
- Introduce the legislation regulating the relations between adults (marriage, same-sex marriage, civil partnership, divorce, family violence) and the possibility for transsexual and intersex persons to be identified in their preferred gender: male, female or 'other'
- Introduce the case-law of the national courts and the ECtHR on the above issues

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Discuss the theoretical framework of the horizontal and individual family law
2. Trace the principles and policies that underpin horizontal and individual family law, as well as the influence exercised on its shaping by the EC(t)HR
3. Report and apply the rules governing the formation and capacity of marriage
4. Report and apply the rules governing nullity and the distinction between void and voidable

marriage

5. Evaluate the legal innovations of civil partnership and same-sex marriage
6. Explain the legal framework of divorce and the consequences that divorce entails for former spouses in terms of redistribution of possession and property of assets
7. Demonstrate the set of remedies provided by civil and criminal law to address the phenomenon of domestic violence

Course Content:

1. Introduction to family law
2. Marriage (I): entry requirements
3. Marriage (II): defects
4. Civil partnership
5. Same-sex marriage
6. Transsexual persons
7. Intersex persons
8. Divorce (I): grounds & procedure
9. Divorce (II): financial orders
10. Family violence

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations

Assessment Methods:

Participation / Mid-term exam / Final exam

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>Lowe, Douglas, Hitchings and Taylor</i>	Bromley's Family Law	Oxford University Press, 12 th	2021	9780198806691

Family Law. Text, Cases, and Materials	<i>Miles, George and Harris-Short</i>	Oxford University Press, 4 th	2019	9780198811848
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Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
European Human Rights and Family Law	<i>Choudhry and Herring</i>	Hart	2010	9781841131757
Family Law	<i>Herring</i>	Longman Law Series, 10 th	2021	9781292343273
Great Debates in Family Law	<i>Herring, Probert and Gilmore</i>	Palgrave Macmillan, 2 nd	2015	9781137481566
Cretney and Probert's Family Law	<i>Probert and Harding</i>	Sweet & Maxwell, 10 th	2018	9780414111998
European Family Law Vols. I-IV	<i>Scherpe (ed.)</i>	Elgar	2016	9781785362989