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| Course Code LAWC-291 | Course Title Family Law (Cyprus) | ECTS Credits 6 |
| Department Law | Semester Fall | Prerequisites Two from LAW-100, LAW-122/6, LAW-132 and LAW-142/6 |
| Type of Course Law Elective | Field Law | Language of Instruction Greek |
| Level of Course 1 st Cycle | Year of Study 2 nd / 3 rd / 4 th | Lecturer(s) |
| Mode of Delivery Face-to-face | Work Placement N/A | Co-requisites None |

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- develop into students the theory and practice of family law
- introduce the concepts of nullity and divorce
- introduce the legislation and case - law concerning nullity, divorce, the legal structure of the family, and husband –wife relationship
- introduce the student to the concepts and legislation concerning domestic violence, separation orders and financial consequences of divorce
- introduce the concepts of relationship between children and parents, parental responsibility, adoption and child support.
- introduce the legislation and cases concerning international child abduction and the role and procedure of family courts.
- introduce the welfare principle and the principle of finding the voice of the child in family law cases and establishing the role of parents and children in family law

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Discuss the theoretical framework of family law and its relationship with religion
2. Appraise the rules concerning formation and capacity of marriage
3. Assess the rules governing nullity and the distinction between void and voidable marriages
4. Evaluate the legal framework for divorce
5. Demonstrate the rules on domestic violence
6. State the principles for distribution of family property and on entitlement on family assets and appreciate the financial consequences of divorce
7. Explain the rules governing Cypriot divorce law
8. Explain the theoretical framework of the relationships between parents and children
9. Appraise the rules and the Court's power concerning parental responsibility
10. Assess the welfare principle
11. Evaluate the legal framework for adoption
12. Demonstrate the rules on child abduction and the principles for child support
13. Assess the rules and procedures of the family courts

14. Examine comparatively the principles concerning the welfare of the child
15. Assess whether factual circumstances are sufficiently elucidated for a legal decision

Course Contents:

1. Theoretical framework of family law, Family law and religion
2. Historical Evolution, Art. 111 of the Constitution
3. Formalities and capacity of marriage
4. Nullity
5. Divorce
6. Separation Orders
7. Domestic violence
8. Family property and entitlement to family assets
9. Financial consequences of divorce
10. The relationship between children and parents
11. Parental responsibility
12. Court's powers on parental responsibility
13. The welfare principle
14. The voice of the child
15. Adoption
16. International child abduction
17. Child support
18. Theoretical Parameters of children welfare
19. Family Courts

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, written examinations, classroom presentations, moot trials and assignments

Assessment Methods:

Assignments, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

| Authors | Title | Publisher | Year |
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| Σ. Λιασίδης | <i>Οικογενειακό Δίκαιο</i> | Τ. ΙΙΙ | 2007 |

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

| Authors | Title | Publisher | Year |
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| Α. Αιμιλιανίδης | Το Κυπριακό Δίκαιο Γάμου και Διαζυγίου | Σάκκουλας | 2006 |
| Γ. Σεργίδης | Λόγοι Διαζυγίου | Λευκωσία | 2009 |

