



# UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA

## ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

<b>Course Code</b> LAW-295	<b>Course Title</b> Family Law I	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Department</b> Law	<b>Semester</b> Fall	<b>Prerequisites</b> Two from LAW-100, LAW-122/6, LAW-132 and LAW-142/6
<b>Type of Course</b> Law Elective	<b>Field</b> Law	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	<b>Year of Study</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Dr Achilles Emilianides
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Face-to-face	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> 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, divorce, and separation of property between spouses
- introduce the legislation and case - law concerning nullity, divorce, separation of property, 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

### 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 and judicial separation and the ground of irretrievable breakdown of the marriage
5. Demonstrate the rules on domestic violence
6. Examine the principles for distribution of family property and on entitlement on family assets and appreciate the financial consequences of divorce
7. Appraise the rules governing Cypriot divorce law
8. Assess whether factual circumstances are sufficiently elucidated for a legal decision

### Course Contents:

1. Theoretical framework of family law
2. Family law and religion
3. Formalities and capacity of marriage
4. Consequences of marriage

5. Nullity
6. Divorce
7. Separation Orders
8. Domestic violence
9. Family property and entitlement to family assets
10. Financial consequences of divorce
11. Comparisons between English law and Cypriot law

**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
Lowe and Douglas	<i>Bromley's Family Law</i>	Oxford, 10 <sup>th</sup>	2007

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Cretney, Masson and Bailey-Harris	Principles of Family Law	Sweet & Maxwell, 7 <sup>th</sup>	2003