

LEGAL 225 : Family Law

Credits 5

Quarter Offered Winter

Learn the legal principles that govern marital and nonmarital families. Principles cover rights and duties as families are created, maintained, and dissolved. Examine the laws that defines relationships, rights, and duties in the formation, ongoing existence, community property, and dissolution of marriage and other family units. This class may include students from multiple sections.

Course Outcomes

Identify the major themes of family law in the twenty-first century.

List the variety of paralegal roles in various family-law offices and settings.

Identify some of the major roles of paralegals in the compilation of a family history.

Define the four major kinds of agreements that can be entered into by persons in intimate relationships: (1) cohabitation agreement, (2) premarital agreement, (3) postnuptial agreement, and (4) separation agreement.

Examine the laws governing the formation of marriage.

Define and distinguish among annulment, divorce, and legal separation.

Describe the termination of a marriage by divorce process.

List the characteristics of an effective separation agreement.

Identify the major kinds of custody.

State the role of state law and federal law on child support.