Family Law

Module code | ULAW/6/FMLW/19/E | NQF level | 6 |
Credit value | 30 | Study duration | 18 weeks |

Module Description

This is an optional 30 credit Level 6 module. Students need to choose two of the Level 6 optional modules and are advised to do so on the basis of their areas of interest and/or career aspirations. This module will examine the legal rules and concepts which govern and regulate family relationships.

This module aims to:
- Introduce students to the fundamental objectives of Family Law
- Provide students with the understanding of the operation of these objectives
- Allow students to assess the effectiveness of the law

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this module, students will be able to:
- Interpret and appraise the legal principles of Family law;
- Evaluate and apply appropriate legal principles of Family law to scenarios relating to marriages and civil partnerships, including issues arising from their dissolution
- Critically assess the rules and principles of Family Law relating to disputes over the care and upbringing of children;
- Make judgements on Family Law reform proposals and contemporary social and political debates.
- Resolve complex problems and give reasoned and comprehensive advice, applying relevant legal principles to both problem and essay questions
- Ability to comprehend and use basic numeracy information as part of a problem question.

Syllabus

- Introduction to family law
- Marriage and non-marriage
- Civil Partnerships
- Cohabitation
- Nullity, Divorce and the dissolution of civil partnerships 1
- Nullity, Divorce and the dissolution of civil partnerships 2
- Finance and property on divorce and dissolution 1
- Finance and property on divorce and dissolution 2
- Domestic Violence 1
- Domestic Violence 2
- Parentage and Parenthood
- Parental Rights and Parental Responsibility
- Children’s Rights
- The Welfare Principle
- Disputes involving children 1
- Disputes involving children 2
- Child protection
- Adoption and Special Guardianship
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Learning and Teaching Methods

The Learning and Teaching Methods for the Module follow the intended online delivery Strategy for the Programme as a whole.

Teaching will be delivered through the provision of specified reading materials that will be provided on the UoEO Learning Platform, and will be supported by specified discussion forums, pre-recorded lecturecasts and biweekly online question and answer sessions (using synchronous communication software and application sharing facility). Students will be provided with indicative guidance on and encouraged to look at relevant websites which are appropriate to the learning outcomes, and to identify and share appropriate web-based resources (as learning support references) with their fellow students. The pre-recorded lecturecasts and the online question and answer sessions will include referenced use of selected case studies which will be drawn from the reading materials and the practice-based and professional/educational contexts and experience of the Tutors.

There will be also provision for weekly meetings with tutors in their office hours supplementing online students’ self-managed learning, discussing their individual queries, and directing them to require and indicative reading.

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