

**L A K E H E A D U N I V E R S I T Y**

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLI- 3113-WA

Law and Politics of the Family

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ATAC-2006  
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**Course Outline**

- An overview of family law in Canada (primarily in Ontario), theory and procedure, including the political issues and controversies surrounding it.
- Lectures will deal with the following topics:
  - Children’s Issues
  - Child/Spousal Support
  - Child Protection
  - Divorce
  - Matrimonial Property
  - Domestic Contracts
  - Co-Habitational Relationships
  - Aboriginal People and Family Law

**Textbook**

*Canadian Family Law*, (Ninth Edition), Julien D. Payne and Marilyn A. Payne (available for purchase at the Lakehead University Book Store)

**Course Requirements and Evaluation**

Mid-term Examination (March 1).....20% (**Mandatory**)  
Essay (due February 15).....30% (Optional)  
Assignment (due February 1).....15% (Optional)  
Final Examination (Take-Home Examination on March 29).....35% (80% if no options chosen or whatever percentage based on which option(s) chosen-**mandatory**)

The mid-term examination and the final examination are the only required evaluation. Information and details will be sent to you by email. Changes to course delivery are dependent on the COVID 19 situation. The take-home examination shall be released to all students by email on March 29, 2023 and must be returned to the instructor by email at [kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca) by 6:00 p.m. on April 1, 2023.

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