

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLI- 3113-WB

Law and Politics of the Family

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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 for \$85.00 plus HST)

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Mid-term Examination (March 3).....	20% (Mandatory)
Essay (due February 10).....	30% (Optional)
Assignment (due January 27).....	15% (Optional)
Final Examination (Take-Home Examination on March 24).....	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. The take-home examination shall be released to

all students by email on March 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. and must be returned to the instructor by email at kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca by 6:00 p.m. on March 28, 2025.

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Supplementary Course Outline

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CFL (Canadian Family Law, Ninth Edition) is the text required for this course.
Cost:\$85.00 plus HST.

- January 6 Lecture 1: Introduction
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 1
 Assignment handed out
 Essay Topics handed out
- January 13 Lecture 2: Parenting of Children (Custody and Access)
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 10 and page
 56 and pages 681-736
- January 20 Lecture 3: Child Support
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 9 and pages 677-681
- January 27 Lecture 4: Spousal Support
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 8 and pages 674-677
 Assignment due- (submit by email to
 kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca)
- February 3 Lecture 5: Matrimonial Property 1
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 13
- February 10 Lecture 6: Matrimonial Property 2
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 13
 Essay Due (submit by email to
 kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca)
- February 17 **NO CLASS: Study Week**

- February 24 Lecture 7: Aboriginal People and Family Law
Required reading: CFL, pages 740-741
- March 3 Mid-Term Examination (one hour, closed book, multiple choice)/ Lecture 8: Divorce
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 7
- March 10 Lecture 9: Domestic Contracts
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 4
- March 17 Lecture 10: Child Protection
Required reading: CFL, pages 119-129
- March 24 Lecture 11: Co-Habitation Relationships
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 3/ Take-Home Exam Released March 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m and is due March 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. by email to kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca
- March 31 Lecture 12: Guest Speaker or movie night

Examination period is from April 7, 2025 to April 17, 2025.

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