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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLI- 3113-WB

Law and Politics of the Family

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Winter, 2024
RB-3049
Mondays-7:00-10:00 p.m.

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, unless a later edition has been published), Julien D. Payne and Marilyn A. Payne (available for purchase at the Lakehead University Book Store)

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Mid-term Examination (March 4).....20% (**Mandatory**)
Essay (due February 12).....30% (Optional)
Assignment (due January 29).....15% (Optional)
Final Examination (Take-Home Examination on March 26).....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 26, 2024 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 29, 2024.

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Supplementary Course Outline

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CFL (Canadian Family Law, Ninth Edition) is the text required for this course.

- January 8 Lecture 1: Introduction
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 1
Assignment handed out
Essay Topics handed out
- January 15 Lecture 2: Parenting of Children (Custody and Access)
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 10 and page
56 and pages 681-752
- January 22 Lecture 3: Child Support (Either guest lecturer or Zoom recorded lecture)
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 9 and pages 677-681
- January 29 Lecture 4: Spousal Support
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 8 and pages 674-680
Assignment due- (submit by email to
kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca)
- February 5 Lecture 5: Matrimonial Property 1
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 13
- February 12 Lecture 6: Matrimonial Property 2
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 13
Essay Due (submit by email to
kcleghor@lakeheadu.ca)
- February 19 **NO CLASS: Study Week**

- February 26 Lecture 7: Aboriginal People and Family Law
- March 4 Mid-Term Examination (one hour, closed book, multiple choice)/ Lecture 8: Divorce
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 7
- March 11 Lecture 9: Domestic Contracts
Recommended reading: Intro to Law in Canada, Chapter 6
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 4
- March 18 Lecture 10: Child Protection
Required reading: CFL, pages 119-129
- March 25 Lecture 11: Co-Habitational 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
- April 1 **NO CLASS: Easter Monday**
- April 8 Lecture 12: Guest Speaker or movie night

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