

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science 3113-FA

Law and Politics of the Family

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Fall, 2019
Mondays, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
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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:
 - Custody/Access
 - Child/Spousal Support
 - Child Protection
 - Divorce
 - Matrimonial Property
 - Domestic Contracts
 - Co-Habitation Relationships
 - Aboriginal People and Family Law

Textbook

Canadian Family Law, (Seventh Edition), Julien D. Payne and Marilyn A. Payne
(available for purchase at the Lakehead University Book Store and one copy on reserve in library)

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Mid-term Examination (October 28).....20% (Optional)
Essay (due October 21).....30% (Optional)
Assignment (due October 7).....15% (Optional)
Final Examination (Open book and during examination period).....35% (100% if no options chosen or whatever percentage based on which option(s) chosen-**mandatory**)

The final examination is the only required evaluation. The mid-term examination (which is closed book), essay and/or assignment are all optional.

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CFL (Canadian Family Law, Seventh Edition) and Intro to Law in Canada are on reserve in the library.

- September 9 Lecture 1: Introduction
 Recommended reading: Intro to Law in Canada, Chapters 2, 3 and 9 (only pages 201-208 in chapter 9)
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 1
 Assignment handed out
 Essay Topics handed out
- September 16 Lecture 2: Custody and Access
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 10 and page 59 and pages 653-702
- September 23 Lecture 3: Child Support
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 9 and pages 650-653
- September 30 Lecture 4: Spousal Support
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 8 and pages 647-650
- October 7 Lecture 5: Matrimonial Property 1
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 13
 Assignment due
- October 14 NO CLASS: Mid-Term Break
- October 21 Lecture 6: Matrimonial Property 2
 Recommended reading: Intro to Law in Canada, Chapter 5
 Required reading: CFL, Chapter 13
 Essay Due
- October 28 Lecture 7: Mid-Term Examination (one hour, closed book, multiple choice)
 Matrimonial Property Workshop
 Required reading: Sample Property Questions

November 4 Lecture 8: Divorce
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 7

November 11 Lecture 9: Domestic Contracts
Recommended reading: Intro to Law in Canada, Chapter 6
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 4

November 18 Lecture 10: Child Protection
Required reading: CFL, pages 122-133

November 25 Lecture 11: Co-Habitational Relationships
Required reading: CFL, Chapter 3

December 2 Lecture 12: Aboriginal People and Family Law/ Final Examination
General Review

December 5-15 Final Examination scheduled (two hours, open book, short and long answer questions)

The above is subject to change. Required readings will be assigned, handed out in class or e-mailed to you.

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