

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY LAW
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Owning School/Faculty: Law
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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 12.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 13.00
Total Learning Hours: 120 **Private Study:** 107

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	8.000
Seminar	2.000
Tutorial	3.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Case Study 3000 words	100.0	

Aims

a. To expose, illustrate and analyse the changing nature of marriage and the family as social institutions and legal responses to changes in society with regard to the family

b. to provide an insight into a variety of approaches to defining childhood and parenthood

c. to facilitate knowledge of the main legal provisions regulating relationships within families.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Knowledge and understanding of the legal context of the family
- 2 Knowledge and understanding of legal principles of formation of marriage and nullity
- 3 An understanding of how the parent child relationship may be formed
- 4 Knowledge of the basic law concerning the parent child relationship and the relative powers of all parties.
- 5 An appreciation of their concepts of child rights and parental responsibility.
- 6 Demonstrate an awareness of the impact upon law of other disciplines including politics and sociology impact on the development of family law.
- 7 Develop their independent learning by taking responsibility for the preparation of work for tutorials seminars and coursework, the management of personal study time and the use of a wide variety of information sources.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Outline Syllabus

Human Rights Act in English Law

Concept of the family, marriage, cohabitation and partnerships

Nature and definition of marriage

Conceptions and constructions of childhood and parenthood.

Attribution and allocation of legal status : responsibilities, rights and powers.

Planned parenthood.

Dealing with disputes within regard to children, the Welfare Principle.

Learning Activities

3 Lectures and 3 tutorials

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Probert R.
Publishing Year	2007

Title	Cretney's Family Law
Subtitle	
Edition	7th
Publisher	Sweet and Maxwell Textbook Series
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Diduck A. and Kanganas F
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Family Law, Gender and the State
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd
Publisher	Hart Publishing,
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Standley, K
Publishing Year	2010
Title	Family Law
Subtitle	
Edition	7th
Publisher	Palgrave Macmillan
ISBN	

Notes

The relationship of parent and child is now replacing the relationship between spouse as the key relationship in family law. This module considers how this relationship is formed, the consequences of the relationship and how legal disputes can be settled.