PLG 230 Family Law

General Information

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Business

Course Prefix
PLG

Course Number
230

Course Title
Family Law

Course Information

Credit Hours
3

Lecture Contact Hours
3

Lab Contact Hours
0

Other Contact Hours
0

Catalog Description
This course is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts of family law including prenuptial agreements, valid and void marriages, annulments, separation agreements, custody and child support, divorce, spousal maintenance, paternity, adoption, family offenses, and child protection. Emphasis will be placed on the preparation of necessary documents, filing procedures, and interview techniques.

Key Assessment
This course does not contain a Key Assessment for any programs
Prerequisites
PLG 100 and PLG 125

Co-requisites
None

Grading Scheme
Letter

First Year Experience/Capstone Designation

This course DOES NOT satisfy the outcomes applicable for status as a FYE or Capstone.

SUNY General Education

This course is designated as satisfying a requirement in the following SUNY Gen Ed category
None

FLCC Values

Institutional Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course

Vitality
Inquiry
Perseverance

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Describe the New York state law governing family law.

2. Apply the elements of family law to the preparation of various legal documents.

3. Prepare a Judgment Roll based on a given fact situation.

Outline of Topics Covered

I. Working in Family Law
II. Marriage
III. Separation
IV. Divorce
   A. Grounds for Divorce
B. Effects of Judgment
C. Jurisdiction and Service
D. The Complaint

V. Custody and Visitation
   A. Best Interest Factors
   B. Parent v. Non-Parent
   C. Enforcement
   D. Visitation

VI. Spousal and Child Support

VII. Property Division
   A. Statement of Net Worth
   B. Characterization of Property
   C. Evaluation
   D. Distribution of Property
   E. Tax Consequences

VIII. Judgment Roll-Instruction & Preparation

IX. Non-Marital Children

X. Adoption

XI. Family Offenses

XII. Child Protection

XIII. Ethics in Family Law