



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

PLT 230 Family Law

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces the student to child custody issues, divorce matters, and domestic relations. Related issues include the role of the police department, social services, the Probate Code and Friend of the Court issues. Students will gain a working knowledge of Michigan family law.

PREREQUISITE: Program Admission

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon completion of this course, students will be familiar with:

- Develop knowledge and understanding of substantive family law as well as of the various legal processes for dispute resolution and for private ordering in family law.
- Possess the ability to perform legal analysis and reasoning and problem solving and limited legal research concerning Family Law, and to communicate such analysis, reasoning, and problem solving in written and in oral communication.
- Gain understanding of proper professional and ethical responsibilities that attorneys engaged in family law practice have to clients and the legal system.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A

80%-89.9% = B

70%-79.9% = C

60%-69.9% = D

<60% = E