



COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

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COURSE NUMBER: LAW 524:B1

COURSE NAME: FAMILY LAW

PREREQUISITE COURSES: NONE

PREREQUISITE FOR: FAMILY LAW PRACTICE ISSUES

CREDITS: 3

HOURS PER TERM: 3

TERM: 2nd

MAXIMUM ENROLMENT: 48

PROFESSORS: LORI JOHNSON and MICHELLE MACKAY

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: LECTURE X SEMINAR OTHER

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

The **primary** method of evaluation in this course is an examination worth 70% of the Grade.

The remainder of the grade in the course will be made up of:

One assignment worth 30% involving mandatory attendance at a Special Family Law Chambers application and preparation of written assignment.

Examination will be: **CLOSED BOOK**

DESCRIPTION:

This is the main substantive course in family law, and is intended to cover most issues faced by family law practitioners from both a theoretical and practical perspective. Students will cover the following topic areas in class, using statutory materials and a casebook:

- Essential validity of marriage/Marriages at common law/ Same -Sex Unions
 - Alternative Dispute Resolution and Procedural aspects of family law in Alberta
 - Contracts and Agreements in the Family Law context
 - Social Context of Divorce
 - Divorce
 - Custody/Parenting of Children
 - Child and Spousal Support
 - Division of Assets for married and unmarried couples
 - Appeals/Parties
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SPECIAL COMMENTS:

REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY): Casebook