

ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Family Law</b>			
<b>Course code</b>	<b>LAWG-115</b>			
<b>Course type</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>			
<b>Level</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>			
<b>Year / Semester</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> /B			
<b>Teacher's name</b>	Kriton Dionysiou			
<b>ECTS</b>	6	<b>Lectures / week</b>	3 hours per week	<b>Laboratories / week</b>
<b>Course purpose and objectives</b>	<p>The goal of the course is for students to acquire the necessary knowledge and understanding of family law, especially in modern issues. The aim is an in-depth study and presentation of the particular characteristics and fundamental principles of family law. To this end, an analysis of the relevant articles of the Greek Civil Code will be conducted. Also, within the framework of the course, there will be references to contemporary legislation and issues of family law (e.g., cohabitation agreements, same-sex marriage) and European legislation, as well as an analysis of both domestic and foreign jurisprudence, specifically that of the ECHR and the CJEU.</p> <p>Finally, the goal is to provide students with the necessary tools so that they can apply and interpret the relevant legislation on real cases, as well as develop the ability for critical thinking on issues of family law.</p>			
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	<p>Upon completing the course, students are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the fundamental concepts and principles of family law.</li> <li>• Be able to interpret and apply the relevant provisions of the Civil Code and contemporary legislations related to family law issues in a combined manner.</li> <li>• Be able to comprehend the social relationship and function of family law.</li> <li>• Develop critical thinking about the operation of family law and analyse contemporary issues in family law.</li> <li>• Be able to solve practical problems.</li> <li>• Analyse and evaluate case-law on family law issues.</li> </ul>			

<b>Prerequisites</b>	General Principles of Civil Law (LAWG-104)	<b>Required</b>	None
<b>Course content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to family law. Basic concepts and fundamental principles.</li> <li>• Engagement. Concept, significance, and legal nature. Conclusion and dissolution of Engagement.</li> <li>• Marriage. Concept, legal nature, and significance. Conditions and impediments to marriage. Performance of marriage. Defective, nonexistent, void, and annulable marriage.</li> <li>• Relations between spouses. Marital cohabitation. Regulation of marital life issues. The obligation to contribute to family needs. Personal status issues of spouses.</li> <li>• Property relations between spouses. Property independence of spouses. The claim for participation in acquisitions. Contractual co-ownership.</li> <li>• The crisis of marriage. Disruption of marital cohabitation. Spousal maintenance due to disruption of cohabitation.</li> <li>• Divorce. Concept and distinctions. Types of divorce. Contested divorce. Consent divorce. Consequences of divorce.</li> <li>• Cohabitation agreement. Concept and effectiveness of the cohabitation agreement. Legal consequences of the cohabitation agreement. Property relations of cohabitants. Conclusion and dissolution of the cohabitation agreement. Maintenance after dissolution.</li> <li>• Medically assisted reproduction. Concept and conditions. Post-mortem fertilization. Surrogacy.</li> <li>• Kinship. Children born within marriage. Parentage from marriage. Challenge of paternity. Children born out of wedlock. Medical assistance and kinship.</li> <li>• Relations between parents and children. Surname of the child. Obligations between parents and children. Concept and exercise of parental care. Content of parental care. Removal, forfeiture, and cessation of parental care.</li> <li>• Maintenance, concept, and content. Support between descendants and ascendants. Other types of maintenance provided by law.</li> <li>• Adoption. Concept, conditions, and procedure of adoption. Adoption of minors and adults. Legal consequences of adoption. Challenge and dissolution of adoption. Legal consequences of dissolution.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children from a cohabitation agreement. Legal relations between parents and children from a cohabitation agreement.</li> <li>• Guardianship and undertaking of a minor. Procuracy, involuntary hospitalization and care of foreign matters.</li> <li>• Modern issues in family law (same-sex marriage and adoption).</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching methodology</b>	Lectures using PowerPoint, assignments, presentations, active student participation in discussions and dialogue. Analysis of case-law and solving practical problems, assignments and presentations.
<b>Bibliography</b>	<p>A. Georgiadis, Family Law, 3rd ed. (Sakkoulas, 2022).</p> <p>A. Kotzabasis, Handbook of Family Law, 3rd ed. (Sakkoulas, 2023).</p> <p>E. Kounougeri-Manoledaki, Family Law, vol. I &amp; II, 8th ed. (Sakkoulas, 2021).</p> <p>I. Spyridakis, Family Law, 3rd ed. (Sakkoulas, 2020).</p> <p>I. Spyridakis, Handbook of Family Law, 6th ed. (Ant. N. Sakkoulas, 2022).</p> <p>A.S. Georgiadis, Brief Interpretation of the Civil Code, Volume I / articles 1-946, 2nd ed. (P.N. Sakkoulas, 2023).</p> <p>A. Papachristou, Family Law (P.N. Sakkoulas, 2014).</p> <p>P. Filios, Family Law, 4th ed. (Sakkoulas, 2011).</p> <p>K. Panagos, Surrogacy: Greek Legal Regime and Criminological Extensions (Sakkoulas, 2023).</p> <p>M.-E. Gerasopoulou, The Legal Relationship of Partners from the Cohabitation Agreement of Law 4356/2015 (Sakkoulas, 2021).</p> <p>A. Kotzabasis/E. Kounougeri-Manoledaki/K. Fountedaki, Family Law in Practice, 6th ed. (Sakkoulas, 2019).</p> <p>I. Spyridakis, Practical Issues of Civil Law 4. Family Law, 3rd edition (Ant. N. Sakkoulas, 2021).</p>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p>Assignment/Presentation: 30%</p> <p>Participation: 20%</p>

	Final Exam: 50%
<b>Language</b>	Greek

