

LA4081: Family Law Module

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

MODULE PROFILE

Delivery	Distance learning with optional onsite workshops
Duration	One semester
Start Dates	September
Faculty	Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
Details	Can be taken as a standalone link in module, called a University Certificate of Study.

OVERVIEW



The Family Law module focuses on the key aspects of the law which relate to family life in Ireland, from the rules relating to the rights of children and parents to each other's company and protection to the rules which regulate the recognition of adult intimate relationships.

FOR WHOM:

- This course is aimed at those working in the area of family law or advocacy/advisory body, or anyone with an interest in Family law.
- CPD Credit: A solicitor practising on a full-time basis and undertaking this course, can claim a maximum of 10 hours eLearning.
- The module is worth 6 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System points) at Level 8.

HOW IT WORKS:

- The module is taken over 12 weeks (one semester),
- The module will be delivered on a blended learning basis; that is to say, mostly online, but with at least one face to face workshop. The online element of the module will incorporate a combination of self-instructional materials, including online lectures, student guide, interactive learning elements, core readings and reflections. There will be regular tutor led interactions, tutor feedback and discussion boards, with use of current statistics and sociological research on family life in Ireland.

PARTICIPANTS LEARN TO:

- Appreciate the ways in which Irish law and court processes can operate to protect the institution of the family in the event of relationship breakdowns.
- Summarise the important aspects of family law, including Guardianship, Custody, Access Disputes, Domestic Abuse, & Aspects of Marriage Termination.
- Outline the key ways in which a marriage may be dissolved or terminated and the consequences of such dissolution or termination.
- Differentiate between the rights of married and unmarried parents and their children.
- Critique the treatments of the family unit within the Irish legal system, and identify the concept of the family unit at constitutional and legislative levels.





MODULE CONTENT

Introduction to Family Law	The Rights and Duties of Non-Marital Cohabitants
The Family and the Irish Constitution	Exam Skills Workshop
Guardianship, Custody & Access Disputes	Formalities and Trends in Marriage Formation
Safeguarding the 'best interests' of the Child	Marriage-Nullity; Judicial Separation and Divorce
Domestic Abuse: Civil Law Responses	Ancillary Relief in Judicial Separation and Divorce
Domestic Abuse: Criminal Justice System Responses	Student led Questions/Review/Revision

PROGRAMME FEES

The fees for this course are €568 per student. A cheque can be included together with your application, or paid online. For information about programme fees or payment options, please visit www.ul.ie/finance or contact the Fees Office at UL on +353 61 202 026 or student.fees.office@ul.ie. NOTE: that all cheques, bank drafts or postal orders are to be made payable to the University of Limerick.

HOW TO APPLY

Students complete the 'University Certificate of Study' application form, which is available to print on www.ul.ie/cpe/short-courses.

The completed form, together with the relevant fee and passport photo, to be returned to Continuing & Professional Education ER1-030, Engineering Research Building, University of Limerick Limerick.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each candidate is considered on an individual basis whose academic qualifications, work experience, motivation and overall potential for the programme are evaluated.

PROGRAMME CONTENT OR STRUCTURE

For further information on course content, you can email:

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