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1. **COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE, CATALOG DESCRIPTION, CREDITS:**

**PLA 2800 FAMILY LAW (3 CREDITS)**

This course presents a study of various aspects of family law, including marriage, premarital and other agreements, annulment, dissolution of marriage, separation agreements, child custody, child support, alimony, judicial separation, adoptions, and ethical considerations relating to the field of family law.

1. **PREREQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:**

ENC 1101 (MINIMUM GRADE OF “C”) OR EQUIVALENT

**CO-REQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:**

None

1. **GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION:** Topic Outline.

• Role of the Paralegal in a Family Law Practice

• Marital Agreements (Pre and Post)

• Cohabitation Agreements

• Marriage

• Separation Agreements

• Annulment

• Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce)

• Child Custody and Child Support

• Alimony

• Adoption

• Mediation

• Domestic Violence

• Ethical Issues in Family Law

1. **All courses at Florida SouthWestern State College contribute to the general education program by meeting one or more of the following general education competencies:**

**C**ommunicate clearly in a variety of modes and media.

**R**esearch and examine academic and non-academic information, resources, and evidence.

**E**valuate and utilize mathematical principles, technology, scientific and quantitative data.

**A**nalyze and create individual and collaborative works of art, literature, and performance.

**T**hink critically about questions to yield meaning and value.

**I**nvestigate and engage in the transdisciplinary applications of research, learning, and knowledge.

**V**isualize and engage the world from different historical, social, religious, and cultural approaches.

**E**ngage meanings of active citizenship in one’s community, nation, and the world.

**A.**  **General Education Competencies and Course Outcomes**

1. Listed here are the course outcomes/objectives assessed in this course which play an integral part in contributing to the student’s general education along with the general education competency it supports.

General Education Competency: Visualize

Course Outcomes or Objectives Supporting the General Education Competency Selected:

* 11.03 Discuss aspects of a dissolution of marriage, including; dissolution, child custody, child support, alimony, property rights, and modification of these items.

**B.** **Other Course Objectives/Standards**

* 11.0 Demonstrate knowledge of family law and procedure. (Program Outcome) The student will be able to:
* 11.01 Define a variety of legal terms and concepts relating to family law.
* 11.02 Define the requirements for a valid marriage in the State of Florida.
* 11.04 List the grounds needed to obtain a dissolution of marriage and an annulment of marriage in Florida.
* 11.05 Discuss pre- and post-nuptial agreements.

1. **DISTRICT-WIDE POLICIES:**

**Programs for Students with Disabilities**

Florida SouthWestern State College, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the College’s guiding principles, offers students with documented disabilities programs to equalize access to the educational process. Students needing to request an accommodation in this class due to a disability, or who suspect that their academic performance is affected by a disability should contact the Office of Adaptive Services at the nearest campus. The office locations and telephone numbers for the Office of Adaptive Services at each campus can be found at <http://www.fsw.edu/adaptiveservices>.

**REPORTING TITLE IX VIOLATIONS**

Florida SouthWestern State College, in accordance with Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act, has established a set of procedures for reporting and investigating Title IX violations including sexual misconduct.  Students who need to report an incident or need to receive support regarding an incident should contact the Equity Officer at [equity@fsw.edu](mailto:equity@fsw.edu).  Incoming students are encouraged to participate in the Sexual Violence Prevention training offered online.  Additional information and resources can be found on the College’s website at <http://www.fsw.edu/sexualassault>.

1. **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STUDENTS:**

List specific course assessments such as class participation, tests, homework assignments, make-up procedures, etc.

1. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

The professor’s specific policy concerning absence. (The College policy on attendance is in the Catalog, and defers to the professor.)

1. **GRADING POLICY:**

Include numerical ranges for letter grades; the following is a range commonly used by many faculty:

90 - 100 = A

80 - 89 = B

70 - 79 = C

60 - 69 = D

Below 60 = F

(Note: The “incomplete” grade [“I”] should be given only when unusual circumstances warrant. An “incomplete” is not a substitute for a “D,” “F,” or “W.” Refer to the policy on “incomplete grades.)

1. **REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:**

(In correct bibliographic format.)

1. **RESERVED MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:**

Other special learning resources.

1. **CLASS SCHEDULE:**

This section includes assignments for each class meeting or unit, along with scheduled Library activities and other scheduled support, including scheduled tests.

1. **ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR CLASS PROCEDURES OR POLICIES:**

(Which would be useful to the students in the class.)