1- SUBJECT DESCRIPTION

This course is a comparative analysis of the rules governing family relationships and how to determine the rights, obligations and powers that exist between the members of a family. It also studies the financial and estate-related legal relationships born from family ties. Finally, it looks at the different mechanisms for administering these estates when transferred by succession.

The student will gain an understanding of the main family law and inheritance institutions and of the legal mechanisms and rules governing family estates; most of the topics will be covered from an international and comparative perspective.

2- OBJECTIVES AND SKILLS

At the end of the course, students will be familiar with the main principles, concepts and institutions of family law and succession. Likewise, the student will:

- Acquire the skills needed to understand the administration of family estates
- Learn about the fundamental institutions of family law and how they relate to each other.
- Be able to study, analyse and discuss basic family law issues and give valuable insights and practical options for dealing with such issues.

3- CONTENT

SESSION 1
Methodology of the Subject

SESSION 2
Introduction to family law and society.
SESSION 3
Family and the LAW - Case study. Changes in the law.

SESSION 4
Marriage I. Latest changes. Recognition in international Law and Public order

SESSION 5
Marriage II. Financial systems of marriage.

SESSION 6
Marriage II. Crises and their consequences. Division of the estate.

SESSION 7

SESSION 8
Introduction to the Law of succession

SESSION 9

SESSION 10
Intestate succession. Ab Intestato.

SESSION 11
Different administrations- Patrimonial systems with no adjudication of the estate.

SESSION 12
Trust (I) as a mechanism/institution for administering family estates as part of family life

SESSION 13
Trust (II)

SESSION 14
Private international law and its role in family law. Latest changes.

SESSION 15
Exam
4- METHODOLOGY AND ECTS CREDITS

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5- COURSE ASSESSMENT

5.1. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Each student may have **four attempts** over two consecutive academic years to pass this course.

Students must attend at least 70% of the sessions. Students who do meet this 70% requirement may **not sit for their exams that year (effectively missing their 1st and 2nd attempts)**. They have to enrol on the course again and pass directly to the 3rd attempt in the following year.

Students who are on their third or fourth attempt should contact the professor during the first two weeks of the course.

5.2. GRADE WEIGHTING

- Class attendance and participation (30%).
- Exercises (30%).
- Final Exam (40%).

5.3. RETAKE POLICY

In July’s retake the maximum final score is 8 out of 10.

- Grading for retakes will be subject to the following rules:
  - Students who fail the course on the first attempt may do a retake in July (except those who have not met the minimum attendance requirements).
  - The dates and location of the July retakes will be posted in advance and will be definite.