

Table 5.2. Course Specification			
Study programme: First-cycle academic studies of the first level – Law			
Course title: Family Law			
Instructor(s): Snežana TR. Plavšić Prelević			
Course status: Compulsory, second year, fourth semester			
ECTS: 7			
Prerequisites: None			
Course Aim To acquaint students with the basic institutions, terminology and methodology of family law through the analysis of theoretical and practical aspects of family law, connecting family law institutions with the knowledge students have acquired in their previous education, presenting positive family law norms and appropriate examples from comparative law, with the aim of mastering specific skills in resolving family law conflicts and practising the legal profession in the field of family law.			
Learning Outcomes Students will acquire fundamental knowledge in the field of family law and develop the ability to analyse positive law regulations and apply them to specific problems arising in practice in the field of family relations, to identify the specific features of property law relations regulated by family law and the social causes that lead to legal conflicts in the functioning of family relations. In addition, students will master methods, procedures and processes of research and the development of their own critical legal reasoning with a view to overcoming and resolving problems in the domain of family relations, as well as assessing the need to create new solutions, particularly in light of developments in science (possibilities of conception, gender reassignment, etc.) and evolving social conceptions of the family, which raises numerous ethical and legal dilemmas.			
Course Content <i>Theoretical instruction</i> 1. Concept, subject matter, method, principles and sources of family law; 2. The family (concept, concept of the family in the practice of the European Court of Human Rights, and domestic violence); 3. Kinship, personal name and civil registers; 4. Concept, subject matter and principles of matrimonial law, conditions for the existence of marriage, legal effects of marriage and extramarital union; 5. Non-existent, void and voidable marriage, divorce, matrimonial proceedings and legal effects of the termination of marriage; 6. Child and parents – legal regulation of the parent-child relationship, family status of the child, proceedings in maternity and paternity disputes; 7. Adoption; 8. Children's rights and the concept and content of parental rights; 9. Exercise of parental rights and deprivation of parental rights; 10. Foster care and guardianship; 11. Concept and legal nature of statutory maintenance, maintenance between spouses, extramarital partners and maintenance of the mother of a child; 12. Maintenance of a child, maintenance of parents and maintenance between blood relatives, relatives by marriage and adoptive relatives; 13. Property relations of spouses and extramarital partners – joint property, separate property of spouses and liability of spouses for obligations; 14. Property relations of spouses and extramarital partners – contractual property regime, prenuptial agreement and gift agreement; 15. Property relations between children and parents. <i>Practical instruction</i> Application of theoretical knowledge to specific cases through the study of court practice and the resolution of hypothetical cases.			
Literature Jens M. Scherpe, European Family Law (Volume I-IV), Intersentia, 2016. Harry Krause, David D. Meyer, Family Law in a Nutshell, West Academic Publishing, 2021. Jonathan Herring, Family Law, Pearson, 2023. Walter Pintens, Jens M. Scherpe, The Cambridge Companion to Comparative Family Law, Cambridge University Press, 2025. Frances Burton, Family Law, Routledge, 2015.			
Hours of active teaching:		Theoretical instruction: 45	Practical instruction: 15
Teaching Methods Interactive lectures accompanied by PowerPoint presentations and practical examples, encouraging students to think independently and creatively through research projects and seminar paper presentations, individual and group consultations. Guest lectures by practitioners.			
Knowledge Assessment (maximum points: 100)			
Pre-exam obligations	Points	Final exam	Points
Activity during lectures	10	Written exam	-
Practical instruction	10	Oral exam	50
Colloquium(s)	20	...	-
Seminar(s)	10	-	-

