Family Law  
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Law 212 (001)  
(20306)

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Required Text:
- Krause, Elrod, & Oldham, Family Law: Cases, Comments and Questions (7th ed.)
- Required handouts will be distributed from time to time.

Assignments:
The syllabus below will be posted on the law school’s web site. Regular attendance and class participation are important.

Grading:
There will be a three-hour, closed book examination at the end of the semester. You will be responsible for the material covered during class discussions, as well as all of the readings, including those that are not discussed in class. Final grades may be raised or lowered by a single increment to reflect the quality of the class participation.

Attendance: Academic Regulation 4-1 governs attendance.

Assignments:

Mon Jan 6  Changing family, changing family policy  Text 1-20, 30-36  
*(I will lecture on Federal “non-involvement,” Ankenbrandt (Text 20-30); “Lecture” means you are not required to read the material, but may of course do so. You will be held responsible on the exam only for the material covered in the class presentation of lecture material.)

Wed Jan 8  Privacy v. State Intervention  Text 43-60; 65-89

Mon Jan 13  Marriage Regulation  Text 90-111
Wed Jan 15  Marriage, Substantive Regs., cont’d  Text 111-138
Read Windsor Handout

MON JANUARY 20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, NO CLASS

Wed Jan 22  Marriage: Procedural Requirements  Text 138-61
Marriage: Rights/Obligations Assumed  Text 162-166; 169-74; 182

Mon Jan 27  Marriage: Ownership/Control of Property  Text 183-203
Marital Agreements  Text 210-213

Wed Jan 29  Marital Agreements (cont’d)  Text 213-43; 245-46

Mon Feb 3  Cohabitation  Text 264-304; 314-15
(Some material may spill over until next class)

Wed Feb 5  Parenthood
Contraception and Abortion  Text 316-41

Mon Feb 10  Parenthood: Paternity  Text 341-370
(I will lecture on paternity disestablishment)  Text 370-75

Wed Feb 12  Adoption; The Unmarried Father  Text 376-408
(Lecture: 408-25)

Mon Feb 17  Assisted Reproduction  Text 445-471

Wed Feb 19  Assisted Reproduction (cont’d)  Text 471-481
Child, Parent and State  Text 490-97; 505-17

Mon Feb 24  Child Abuse  Text 552-69; 576-89

Wed Feb 26  Divorce  Text 673-707

Mon Mar 3  Divorce Alternatives
Jurisdiction  Text 708-19
Text 720-46

Wed Mar 5  Custody Jurisdiction
Custody  Text 747-65
Text 781-91

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Mon Mar 17  Custody  Text 791-818
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