



## Syllabus

### PLG 230 Family Law

#### General Information

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Business

**Course Prefix**

PLG

**Course Number**

230

**Course Title**

Family Law

#### Course Information

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**Credit Hours**

3

**Lecture Contact Hours**

3

**Lab Contact Hours**

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**Other Contact Hours**

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**Catalog Description**

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic concepts of family law including prenuptial agreements, valid and void marriages, annulments, separation agreements, custody and child support, divorce, spousal maintenance, paternity, adoption, family offenses, and child protection. Emphasis will be placed on the preparation of necessary documents, filing procedures, and interview techniques.

**Key Assessment**

This course does not contain a Key Assessment for any programs

**Prerequisites**

PLG 100 and PLG 125

**Co-requisites**

None

**Grading Scheme**

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## First Year Experience/Capstone Designation

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This course **DOES NOT** satisfy the outcomes applicable for status as a FYE or Capstone.

## SUNY General Education

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This course is designated as satisfying a requirement in the following SUNY Gen Ed category

None

## FLCC Values

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**Institutional Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course**

Vitality

Inquiry

Perseverance

## Course Learning Outcomes

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**Course Learning Outcomes**

1. Describe the New York state law governing family law.
2. Apply the elements of family law to the preparation of various legal documents.
3. Prepare a Judgment Roll based on a given fact situation.

## Outline of Topics Covered

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I. Working in Family Law

II. Marriage

III. Separation

IV. Divorce

A. Grounds for Divorce

- B. Effects of Judgment
- C. Jurisdiction and Service
- D. The Complaint
- V. Custody and Visitation
  - A. Best Interest Factors
  - B. Parent v. Non-Parent
  - C. Enforcement
  - D. Visitation
- VI. Spousal and Child Support
- VII. Property Division
  - A. Statement of Net Worth
  - B. Characterization of Property
  - C. Evaluation
  - D. Distribution of Property
  - E. Tax Consequences
- VIII. Judgment Roll-Instruction & Preparation
- IX. Non-Marital Children
- X. Adoption
- XI. Family Offenses
- XII. Child Protection
- XIII. Ethics in Family Law