

# PALE 385 : Family Law and Equity

In this course, learners will survey family law, including the marital relationship, divorce, cohabitation support, distribution of property, child custody, and "surrogate" parents. Other significant focus areas include legislation affecting children, equitable distribution and adoption, and family privacy and divorce litigation. Upon completing this course, learners gain coverage of topics including interrelationship and conflicts between the traditional concepts of marriage, legal concepts of financial independence, sexual freedom, legitimacy, and status, the rights of unmarried parents, "palimony," and no-fault divorce.

**Credits** 3

**CIP Code**

22.0302

**Prerequisites**

(LIBR 150 may be taken concurrently).

**Prerequisite Courses**

PALE 260

LIBS 490

**Course Outcomes**

After successfully completing the course, the learner will be able to:

- Communicate effectively on the legal aspects of equity and inclusion
- Demonstrate knowledge of the required skills to work effectively in family law, including practical interviewing skills, analyzing client needs, effective drafting skills to produce necessary documents.
- Communicate effectively on topics related to family law.
- Demonstrate a core understanding of family law.
- Demonstrate a core understanding of the varied legal aspects of equity and inclusion.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how family law affects other areas of law.
- Perform legal analysis in the context of family law.
- Perform legal analysis in the context of topics related to equity and inclusion.