COURSE TITLE: Family Law

COURSE NUMBER: LES 406

PRE-REQUISITES: ENG121, English Composition I (minimum GPA 2.0/C)
ENG122, English Composition II (minimum GPA 0.67/D-)
LES 220, Introduction to Legal Studies (minimum GPA 2.0/C)
LES 314, Legal Research (minimum GPA 2.0/C)

LEGAL SPECIALTY: ☐ Yes ☑ No

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces the students to the procedural and substantive law affecting the family and domestic relations. The law affecting prenuptial agreements, separation, divorce, annulments, spousal support, alimony, spousal abuse, custody, child support and adoption is discussed. Emphasis is placed on the preparation of relevant legal documents and procedures for various court filings.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

GOAL A: Demonstrate an understanding of fundamental common law and statutory family law concepts governing marriage (creation and dissolution).

Learning Outcomes: The student will:
A-1 Explain the requirements to form a valid marriage in the state of Delaware.
A-2 Draft a prenuptial agreement.
A-3 Draft a petition for divorce.
A-4 Define terminology related to family law.

GOAL B: Demonstrate an understanding of the procedures and processes of the domestic relations court.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:
B-1 Describe how to locate and analyze print and electronic courses of family law.
B-2 Explain the concept of subject matter jurisdiction with respect to family law.
B-3 Describe the pleading and motions practice in the domestic relations court.

GOAL C: Demonstrate an understanding of common law and statutory family law concepts governing child support, visitation, and property division.
**Learning Outcomes:** The student will:
C-1  Research and compute child support using the Delaware standard Melson formula.
C-2  Prepare documentation for modification of Child Support or Custody/Visitation.
C-3  Discuss concept of “best interest of the child”