



LAWS8022

Family Law

Session 1, Infrequent attendance, North Ryde 2020

Macquarie Law School

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General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff

Unit Convenor

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6 First Walk, Room 523

Friday, 4-5 pm

Credit points

10

Prerequisites

(Admission to JD and 80cp in LAW or LAWS units at 6000 level or above) or (admission to LLM)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Family law is about the legal formation of family relationships, the resolution of family disputes and the influence of public policy on family affairs. The course covers both parenting and relationship property issues. The focus of the course is on the doctrine, theory and practice of family law in Australia. Family law is a major area of legal practice that impacts individuals, families and society. A key outcome of this course is the appreciation of the challenges that arise for married and de facto couples, parents and children in family law disputes. The course examines the theory of family law in the context of sociology, history, philosophy and politics. The role of public policy in shaping the development of family law is also considered.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Critically analyse the legal doctrines and principles of family law.

ULO2: Critically evaluate the role of public policy in shaping the development of family law.

ULO3: Critically analyse the theory of family law in the context of sociology, history, philosophy and politics.

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

General Assessment Information

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, (a) a penalty for lateness will apply – two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for essays submitted after the due date – and (b) no essays will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments, such as the take home test.

Delivery and Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

Compulsory Text

Archana Parashar and Francesca Dominello, *The Family in Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2017).

Lectures

The weekly two hour lectures that shall be delivered by Dr Francesca Dominello for LAWS5020 (undergraduate Family Law) will be recorded and made available for LAWS8022 students.

On Campus Session

The On Campus Session will be held on 14 & 15 April 2020 in 25A Wallys Walk, Tutorial Room 207. Attending the On Campus Session is beneficial for achieving the learning outcomes. Class participation shall be assessed in the On Campus Session.

Online Content

Online content can be accessed on iLearn. Personal computer and Internet access are required.

Unit Schedule

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

The unit schedule/topics and any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19. Please consult [iLearn](#) for latest details, and check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

Week	Week Commencing	Lecture Topic
1	24-Feb	Studying Family Law - Concepts
2	2-Mar	The Family Law and its Institutions
3	9-Mar	Marriage and Marriage-Like Relationships
4	16-Mar	Divorce and Violence
5	23-Mar	Financial Relations
6	30-Mar	Spousal Maintenance
7	6-Apr	Private Ordering in Property Proceedings
8	27-Apr	Child Related Disputes
9	4-May	Children in Court Proceedings
10	11-May	Child Maintenance and Support
11	18-May	Dependency and the Law: Social Welfare
12	25-May	Children and Family Formation
13	1-Jun	NO LECTURE

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.