

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW
FALL SEMESTER 2021
SYLLABUS-DOMESTIC RELATIONS-COURSE NO. 725

PROFESSOR A. WALKER

COURSE: DOMESTIC RELATIONS

SECTION: THREE

ROOM: LSB 106

TIME: M.W. 1-2:15 p.m.

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REQUIRED TEXT: Family Law Cases and Materials 7th Edition; Judith Areen, Marc Spindleman, Phiomila Tsoukala and Solangel Maldonado; Foundation Press: Recommended: Texas Family Code Latest Edition

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Domestic Relations is a (3) credit course (fall) which is designed to provide students with a complete and comprehensive understanding of major family law issues from the perspectives of the law, practitioners, and observers.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To provide students with a basic understanding of how family law has developed, and the fundamental concepts of family law. The course will focus on the legal aspects of family relationships, marriage, divorce, division of marital property, adoption, custody, termination of parental rights, extended families, domestic violence, procreation and other issues relating to marriage and family with emphasis on the Texas Family Code.

To effectively present the historical and contemporary, legal and non-legal social problems associated with family law, the family law court system, and issues relating to marriage and family.

Grades are based on the following:

Midterm Exam-Multi State	50%
Final Exam-Multi State	50%
	Total 100%

***Office Hours: Mon. Wed. 12:00-1:00 p.m. and 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE-Class attendance and participation is **mandatory**
(See Student Rules of matriculation for details on absences)

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>READING ASSIGNMENT</u>
Monday Wednesday	August 16, 2021 August 18, 2021	Intro to Family Law Pg. 61-110
Monday Wednesday	August 23, 2021 August 25, 2021	Pg.111-157 Pg.158-201
Monday Wednesday	August 30, 2021 September 1, 2021	Pg. 201-250 Pg. 251-301
Monday Wednesday	September 6, 2021 September 8, 2021	Labor Day Holiday Pg. 301-362
Monday Wednesday	September 13, 2021 September 15, 2021	Pg. 363-412 Pg. 412-457
Monday Wednesday	September 20, 2021 September 22, 2021	Pg. 457-515 Pg. 515-557
Monday Wednesday	September 27, 2021 September 29, 2021	Pg. 559-601 Pg. 601-662
Monday Wednesday	October 4, 2021 October 6, 2021	Pg. 663-709 Pg. 709-766
Monday Wednesday	October 11, 2021 October 13, 2021	MIDTERM EXAM Pg. 767-812
Monday Wednesday	October 18, 2021 October 20, 2021	Pg. 812-857 Pg. 940-993
Monday Wednesday	October 25, 2021 October 27, 2021	Pg. 993-1040 Pg. 1040-1064
Monday Wednesday	November 1, 2021 November 3, 2021	Pg. 1064-1109 Pg. 1111-1162

Monday	November 8, 2021	Pg. 1162-1198
Wednesday	November 10, 2021	Pg. 1198-1222
Monday	November 15, 2021	Pg. 1222-1246
Wednesday	November 17, 2021	Pg. 1246-1275
Monday	November 22, 2021	REVIEW LAST DAY OF CLASS

READING PERIOD NOVEMBER 24, 2021

***FINAL EXAMS NOVEMBER 29, 2021 THRU DECEMBER 10, 2021
DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

***CLASS RULES:**

- Absences:** Per the rules of matriculation, students are allowed 5 unexcused absences.
- Accommodations:** **ADA:** Students with disabilities, if you are seeking classroom accommodations under the American Disabilities Act, you are required to register with the Dean of Student Services. To receive academic accommodations for this class, please obtain the proper Disability Services forms and meet with the Dean of Student Services and Instructional Support at TMSL at the beginning of the semester. You may also contact SASO via email at Disabilityservices@tsu.edu or by phone at 713-313-4210.
- Tardiness:** Classes begin promptly at the scheduled time.
- Participation:** All students are expected to prepare for every class. Students are required to brief all cases assigned and reference the relevant sections of the Texas Family Code in their briefs to the cases in the text book.
- Extra Credit:** During the semester (5) five briefs will be randomly picked up and graded. Each brief will be worth (2) two points and added to your final overall grade.

***ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING CLASS. IF A STUDENT'S COMMUNICATION DEVICE DISRUPT CLASS, THE STUDENT WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE CLASS AND WILL BE MARKED ABSENT.**