Table 5.2. Course Specification

Study Programme: UALS - Undergraduate Academic Legal Studies - BA in Law (Hons)

Course Title: Family Law

Teacher(s): Prof. Nebojša Šarkić, SJD, Assist. Prof. Jelena Arsić, SJD

Course Status: M (mandatory)

ECTS credits: 9
Condition: None

Course aim:

This course aims at introducing students to legal aspects of family relationships in terms of marriage, cohabitation, rights of the child and parental responsibilities, foster care, adoption, spousal and child support, property and other family related issues. It also focuses on various administrative and judicial procedures, as well as alternative dispute resolution mechanisms (such as family mediation) aimed at protecting legally granted rights of family members. The course addresses fundamental questions of family law both in terms of relevant international standards and national regulations setting the limits of family autonomy, as well as permitted state intervention.

Course outcome:

Students will acquire knowledge on how to properly identify, examine and analyse key family law matters, understand ethical issues in family law implementation, and adequately implement relevant legal principles and rules of family law in specific family-related cases.

Course contents:

Theoretical classes (lectures)

- 1. The concept, subject and significance of family law, family law principles and sources;
- 2. Family and family protection;
- 3. Personal name, kinship, registries;
- 4. Marriage: getting married and its legal effects;
- 5. Termination of marriage: nullity/annulment, divorce, death of a spouse, effects of marriage termination;
- 6. Cohabitation:
- 7. Property relations: property relations of spouses, cohabiting partners, members of family community;
- 8. Legal support to spouses, cohabiting partners, children, parents and other relatives;
- 9. Parental rights: exercise, termination, deprivation and extension of parental rights;
- 10. Rights of the child: Family Act and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, procedure for protection of the rights of the child;
- 11. Family status of the child: establishing and disputing maternity/paternity, procedure in maternity and paternity disputes;
- 12. Mediation in family disputes: conciliation, mediation in child custody disputes, maintenance disputes and property disputes;
- 13. Adoption: conditions and procedure for establishing adoption, effects of adoption, termination of adoption;
- 14. Foster care: conditions and procedure for establishing foster care, effects of foster care, termination of foster care;
- 15. Guardianship: guardianship authority, guardian, types of guardianship, termination of guardianship.

Coursebook(s) / Readings:

Required textbook: Počuča, M., Šarkić, N., Porodično pravo i porodičnopravna zaštita, Pravni fakultet Univerziteta Union i JP "Službeni glasnik", Beograd, 2016 ili kasnije izdanje.

Additional readings: Draškić, M., Komentar Porodičnog zakona, JP "Službeni glasnik", Beograd, 2016; Draškić, M. (ur.), Šarkić, N. (ur.), Arsić, J. (ur.), Porodični zakon – dvanaest godina posle, Pravni fakultet Univerziteta Union i JP "Službeni glasnik", 2018; Janjić-Komar, M., Obretković, M., Prava deteta: prava čoveka, Dosije, Beograd, 1996.

Teaching methods:

Lectures, exercises, case studies, in-class discussions.

Grading (max. No. of points: 100)

Pre-examination obligations	Points	Final examination	Points
Attendance	-	Oral exam	60
In-class activity (during lessons)	10		
Out-of-class activity (additional, self-induced: writing texts, etc.)	-		
Practice lessons, Exercises	10		
Progress tests	20		
Seminar papers	-		