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## Elements of Family Law in the EU

### Educational subject description sheet

#### Basic information

<b>Study programme</b> European Legal Studies <b>Speciality</b> - <b>Organizational unit</b> Faculty of Law and Administration <b>Study level</b> First-cycle programme <b>Study form</b> Full-time <b>Education profile</b> General academic		<b>Didactic cycle</b> 2024/25 <b>Subject code</b> 10ELSS.18N.04850.24 <b>Lecture languages</b> English <b>Course type</b> Obligatory <b>Block</b> Subjects not assigned
<b>Subject coordinator</b>	Katarzyna Woźniak-Boińska, Tomasz Sokołowski	
<b>Lecturer</b>	Tomasz Sokołowski	
<b>Period</b> Semester 4	<b>Activities and hours</b> • Lecture: 30, Exam	<b>Number of ECTS points</b> 4

#### Goals

Code	Goal
C1	This course introduces the students to the basic principles of the modern Family Law. It provides an overview as well of the legal as the social, psychological and political context within which the Family Law was developed and introduced.

#### Subject learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Learning outcomes	Examination methods
<b>Knowledge - Student:</b>			
W1	is attentive of the major concepts and problems of contemporary family law	ELS_K1_W01, ELS_K1_W03	Multimedia presentation
W2	knows of the origin and legal sources of family law, its historical development and evolution of specific family law traditions and practices.	ELS_K1_W02	Multimedia presentation
W3	is able to characterize the historical, sociological, and demographic basis of the modern family law in the UE and entire continental Europe	ELS_K1_W03, ELS_K1_W08	Multimedia presentation
W4	knows the basic English legal terminology relevant to the presentation family law European countries	ELS_K1_W04	Multimedia presentation
W5	is able to build and ground of academic knowledge of the functioning of national and international family law institutions its functioning and structure.	ELS_K1_W04, ELS_K1_W05	Multimedia presentation
<b>Skills - Student:</b>			
U1	is attentive of the major concepts and problems of contemporary family law	ELS_K1_U02	Multimedia presentation
U2	knows of the origin and legal sources of family law, its historical development and evolution of specific family law traditions and practices.	ELS_K1_U01	Multimedia presentation
U3	knows the basic English legal terminology relevant to the presentation family law European countries	ELS_K1_U02	Multimedia presentation
<b>Social competences - Student:</b>			
K1	is attentive of the major concepts and problems of contemporary family law	ELS_K1_K01	Multimedia presentation

### Study content

No.	Course content	Subject learning outcomes	Activities
1.	Concept, character and structure of family law. Constitutional regulation	W1, W5, U1, K1	Lecture
2.	Child well-being (welfare) and its protection inside family as a social group; well-functioning families; conflict of interests	W2, W3, U2	Lecture
3.	Nature and elements of the family legal situation; matrimonial bonds; phases of development of family; dysfunctional families; functions of family	W3, W4, U3	Lecture
4.	Conclusion of marriage, obstacles, annulments of marriage	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture
5.	Rights and duties of spouses, personal right and duties,	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture
6.	Regulation of proprietary matters	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture
7.	Child's origin, maternity, paternity	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture
8.	Relations between parents and children	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture

No.	Course content	Subject learning outcomes	Activities
9.	Adoption, kinds of adoption, anonymous adoption	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture
10.	Maintenance, alimony duties	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture
11.	Divorce, backgrounds of divorce, divorce's obstacles, child's welfare	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture
12.	Separation, backgrounds of separation, obstacles, legal results,	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture
13.	Guardianship of an orphan, backgrounds, legal consequences	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture
14.	Foster families, structure, function, kinds of foster institutions	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3	Lecture

### Additional information

Activities	Teaching and learning methods and activities
Lecture	Lecture with a multimedia presentation of selected issues, Case study

Activities	Credit conditions
Lecture	<p>excellent (A ; 5,0):</p> <p>a) excellent knowledge of family law</p> <p>b) very good background for family law</p> <p>very good (B+; 4,5):</p> <p>c) very good knowledge of family law</p> <p>d) very good background for family law</p> <p>good (B ; 4,0):</p> <p>a) good knowledge of family law</p> <p>b) good background for family law</p> <p>average (C+, 3,5)</p> <p>a) average knowledge for family law</p> <p>b) average background for family law</p> <p>satisfactory (C; 3,0):</p> <p>a) satisfactory knowledge of family law</p> <p>b) satisfactory background for family law</p> <p>unsatisfactory (D ; 2,0):</p> <p>a) unsatisfactory knowledge of family law</p> <p>c) unsatisfactory background for family law</p>

### Literature

#### Obligatory

1. T.Sokołowski Family law in: W.Dajczak, T.Nieborak, P.Wiliński, Foundations of Law. The Polish Perspective, Warszawa 2021. Gronunds for Divorce. European Family Law in Action, Volume I, K.Boele-Woelki, B.Braat, I.Sumner, /red./ Antwerpia-Oxford-New York, 2003. Maintenance Between Former Spouses. European Family Law in Action, Volume II, K.Boele-Woelki, B.Braat, I.Sumner, /red./ Antwerpia-Oxford-New York, 2003
2. Principles of European Family Law Regarding Parental Responsibilities, K.Boele-Woelki, F.Ferrand, C.Gonzales-Bielfuss, M.Jantera-Jareborg, N.Lowe, D.Martiny, W.Pinters, Antwerpen – Oxford Sokołowski T. Family Forms and Parenthood in Poland // Family Forms and Parenthood / A.Büchler, H. Keller. Cambridge – Antwerp – Portland, 2016. P. 365 et seqq.

### Calculation of ECTS points

Activities	Activity hours*
Lecture	30
Preparation for classes	30
Reading the indicated literature	20
Preparation for the exam	20
Preparation for the assessment	20
<b>Student workload</b>	<b>Hours</b> 120
<b>Number of ECTS points</b>	<b>ECTS</b> 4

\* academic hour = 45 minutes

## Efekty uczenia się dla kierunku

Kod	Treść
ELS_K1_K01	The graduate is ready to critically appraise his or her knowledge, particularly in the context of the changing acquis on the regulation and critical assessment of the acquired knowledge, especially in view of the changing acquis on the regulation and application of law
ELS_K1_U01	The graduate can interpret social phenomena (cultural, political, legal, economic) within legal science
ELS_K1_U02	The graduate can use the basic theoretical knowledge and independently procure data to analyse individual processes and social phenomena (cultural, political, legal and economic) within legal science
ELS_K1_W01	The graduate knows and understands the foundations of the science of law and its relation to other sciences, including the processes of internalisation and regionalisation
ELS_K1_W02	The graduate knows and understands the basic assumptions of integration processes analysed on the example of the European Union, in the social, cultural and economic context
ELS_K1_W03	The graduate knows and understands the concept and scope of European Union law, including a deepened understanding of its sources approached in a systematic way
ELS_K1_W04	The graduate knows and understands a deepened understanding of the European Convention for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms against the background of international systems of human rights protection
ELS_K1_W05	The graduate knows and understands the structure of the European law system against the background of its relations with international and national legal orders
ELS_K1_W08	The graduate knows and understands a deepened understanding of the competences (policies) of the European Union including the principles of the EU single market