

DCC3103 – Law of Persons and Family Law

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Course Description

In this course, through weekly lectures and class discussions, students will be introduced to general principles of the law of physical persons and family law in the context of civil law, more particularly the law of the province of Quebec. Through the study of the principal sections of the *Civil Code of Quebec*, analysis of leading decisions by the Courts, and some practical exercises, the students shall develop an initial understanding of societal issues raised in the area of the law of persons and family law and of the legal solutions provided to these issues.

Summarily, the following themes shall be addressed throughout the semester :

- Introductory concepts pertaining to the law of physical persons and family law ;
- The physical person and juridical personality ;
- Legal capacity, incapacity, and the protection of incapable persons ;
- Integrity and care ;
- Filiation, parental authority, rights and obligations relative to children;
- Unions between persons : Marriage, civil unions, and *de facto* unions ;
- Dissolution of unions.

Evaluation Method

Students shall be evaluated through two exams:

- ✓ Prejudicial, one-hour mid-term exam counting for **30 %** of the students' final grade
- ✓ Three-hour final exam counting for **70 %** of the students' final grade.

Reading Material

Non-annotated copies of the *Civil Code of Quebec*, 2018 – 2019, and *Divorce Act*. Lecture notes, decisions, exercises, accessory statutes and other accessory materials will be posted on the course virtual campus website as required, from week to week.