

**DETAILED CURRICULUM**  
**LEVEL ONE – SEMESTER TWO**  
**FAMILY LAW**

<b>COURSE DETAILS</b>			
<b>Course Code</b>	LW 2074		
<b>Course Title</b>	FAMILY LAW		
<b>Course Type</b>	Core		
<b>Credits</b>	04		
<b>Hours Allotted</b>	<b>Theory</b>	45	<b>Total</b> 90
	<b>Practical</b>	-	
	<b>Assignments/ Tutorials</b>	45	
<b>AIM</b>			
<p>As the family is the central focusing unit in the society, laws related to the family matters are discussed in the course of study of family law.</p> <p>National and international standards introduced to eliminate discrimination against woman and child are also examined.</p> <p>Finally institution of marriage and its formalities such as matrimonial rights, parental rights are discussed in the spectrum of personal laws and general laws.</p>			
<b>INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES</b>			
<p>After following the course the student should be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a comprehensive understanding on legal frame work pertaining to the family law.</li> <li>• analyze the sources of family law in context of pluralistic legal system.</li> <li>• apply the legal knowledge of family law to solve the legal disputes arising from the institution of family.</li> </ul>			
<b>COURSE CONTENTS</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The family as asocial institution and the policies related to family; local and international standards (woman charter, children charter 1992) UNO Convention on Elimination of all forms of discrimination Against Woman 1979 and UN Convention on the Rights of the child 1989), a brief introduction to concept of family in historical and social perspectives.</li> <li>2. Sources related to Family Law diversity and uniformity in the different personal laws in Sri Lanka.</li> <li>3. Marriage; marriage and its legal formalities under personal and general law</li> <li>4. Parental Rights duties and legal and non legal families; custody, minority Guardianship under general laws and personal laws; Legitimacy and Illegitimacy based on marital status of parents.</li> <li>5. Matrimonial relief; Divorce, separation, nullity, redress for violence in family under personal laws and general laws.</li> <li>6. Legal and non legal dispute, settlements related to the family matters.</li> </ol>			

<b>ASSESSMENT CRITERIA</b>	<b>% OF MARKS</b>
<b>Semester- end Examination :</b>	70
<b>Assignments:</b>	20
<b>Class Quizzes:</b>	10
<b>RECOMMENDED READING</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PQR Boberg, Law of persons and the family.</li> <li>2. RW Lee, An introduction to Roman Law.</li> <li>3. SM Cretney, Elements of Family Law.</li> <li>4. SM Cretney, Principles of Family Law.</li> <li>5. Sharya de Soysa, Marriage Breakdown and the Duty of Support.</li> <li>6. J. Eekelaar, family law and social policy.</li> <li>7. Savitri Gunasekara, Sri Lanka Law of parent and child.</li> <li>8. HW Thambiah, Sinhala Laws and customs.</li> <li>9. AAA Fyzee, Outline of Muhammadan law.</li> <li>10. MS Jaldeen, The Muslim Law of Marriage, Divorce and Maintenance in Sri Lanka.</li> <li>11. DR Mulla, Principles of Muhammedan Law</li> <li>12. K Balasinham, The laws of Ceylon Vol. II Law of Persons.</li> <li>13. Jon Armour, A Grammar of Kandyan Law.</li> <li>14. RKW Goonesekera, Family Law in Sri Lanka; in Law Asia Family Law Series.</li> <li>15. J Sri Ramanathan, Thesawalamai.</li> <li>16. FB Tyabji, Principles of Muhammadan Law.</li> </ol>	