

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College Division of Social and
Behavioral Sciences, Education and
Wellness, Legal and Protective Services**

LEGL 2253 (Family Law)

Catalog Description:

Family law covers matters of domestic law, including prenuptial agreements, the formation and dissolution of marriage, marital property, child custody and support, adoption and other related matters. The role of the paralegal will be emphasized and students will draft legal documents which are produced in a family law practice.

Prerequisites:

ENGL 1013, LEGL 1043 & LEGL 1104

Credit hours/Contact hours/Load hours:

3/3/3

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of the course the student will:

- Define the vocabulary of family law.
- Discuss the ethical guidelines and role of a paralegal working in a family law legal office.
- Explain how mediation works in a family law setting.
- Describe the elements for a valid marriage and its effect on other areas of the law (tax, tort, immigration, estate law, bankruptcy, etc).
- Describe the statutory right of married individuals.
- Interview a family law client and obtain the relevant information.
- Describe the procedure for a divorce, legal separation, annulment and adoption.
- List the grounds for divorce in the state of Arkansas.
- Distinguish between marital and non-marital property.
- Discuss some of the tax implications of a divorce.
- Draft a prenuptial agreement, divorce complaint, discovery documents, settlement agreement and decree.
- Draft documents for an adoption in the state of Arkansas.
- Given a hypothetical situation, locate relevant case and statutory law and apply it.
- Discuss recent state and national changes in Family Law and the possible future implications in the field.