

GSP165 The Law and You

Level: 1

Credit Units: 2.5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

This course is for the layman who wants to have an understanding of some important aspects of the law that we commonly encounter in our daily lives. It aims to equip students with basic understanding of the application of legal principles and concepts so that they will understand legal terms and know their rights and obligations. It will thus help them make more informed decisions in matters governed by law and act in a manner that reduces their exposure and liability.

Topics:

- Offer
- Acceptance, intention to create legal relations
- Consideration; vitiating factors
- Breach of contract, remedies & conditions under which certain remedies are available
- Valid marriage
- Obligations of a married person; family violence
- Nullity of marriage; dissolution of marriage divorce
- Ancillary matters
- Wills
- Intestacy and the law of succession
- Administration of personal estate before death: advance medical directive
- Administration of personal estate before death: lasting power of attorney

Learning Outcome:

- Outline the basic principles of law in the selected areas of course study: Law of Contract, Family Law and the law relating to Wills, together with matters of probate, administration and succession.
- State the basic legal duties and obligations of a marriage and family between spouses, and parents & children.
- Recognize the necessities and requirements involved with the ordering of personal matters of a deceased, whether or not they have drawn up Wills.
- Cite the laws that are set in motion by the breach of contract, the personal commitments in a family and the death of a person.
- Recognise the ability to choose to make provisions for management of their person and their estate in the event of incapacity or terminal illness requiring extraordinary life sustaining treatment.
- Apply their knowledge in daily situations where areas of law come into play.
- Recognize their personal obligations imposed by the law such as obligations towards family.
- Make informed decisions in respect of matters covered in the topics of the course, such as engaging in contracts.
- Implement changes to address any issues in their personal lives, such as personal estate management.
- Recognize and identify the need for professional advice where necessary.

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

| Components | Description | Weightage Allocation (%) |
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| Overall Continuous Assessment | PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1 | 20 |
| | TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1 | 40 |
| | TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2 | 40 |
| Total | | 100 |