

LAW353 Specialist Family Law: Adoption, Mental Capacity and Cross-border issues

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

LAW353 Specialist Family Law: Adoption, Mental Capacity and Cross-border issues is designed to provide the practitioner time to explore in detail the complex issues encountered in adoption, mental capacity and cross-border matters. While time will be devoted looking at the black letter of the laws in these complex areas, opportunity will be taken to look at the wider issues encountered in practice by frontline professionals such as social workers and counsellors.

Topics:

- Adoption: Who can adopt and be adopted; Consent and payments or rewards in adoption; Process, procedures and implications; Citizenship of adopted children and trafficking
- Mental Capacity: Mental capacity and “best interests”; Lasting Powers of Attorney and Advanced Medical Directives; Court declarations for specific issues; Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act – mental disorder
- Cross-border issues: Divorce proceedings; Parenthood, guardianship and custody; Abduction
- Frontline experiences

Learning Outcome:

- Indicate the various sources of the relevant law, how it is made and developed; of the institutions within which that law is administered and the personnel who practice law
- Demonstrate understanding of legal concepts, values, principles and procedures of Singapore law and explain the relationship between them in a number of subject areas, as well as to apply them
- Analyse fact patterns to identify relevant issues of law, fact and procedure.
- Interpret the relevant rule of substantive law, procedure or evidence relevant to the issues identified
- Apply the relevant laws and principles to come to a conclusion on the issues
- Formulate an opinion, provide a solution and advise based on the conclusions
- Discuss critically, competing arguments in literature or in a group situation and make a reasoned choice between alternatives
- Examine ideas, concepts and arguments in the English language and legal terminology with care and accuracy
- Employ information technology in an office environment for the search for information, the preparation of documents and presentations

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1	10

Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	20
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	20
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.