



Philadelphia University  
Faculty of law  
Department of -----  
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**Course Syllabus**

<b>Course Title: Personal Status(1) Marriage</b>	<b>Course code:</b>
<b>Course Level: third year</b>	<b>Course prerequisite (s) and/or corequisite (s): Introduction to Islamic Jurisprudence</b>
<b>Lecture Time:</b>	<b>Credit hours: 3 Credit Hours</b>

**Academic Staff  
Specifics**

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**Course module description:**

**Module name: Personal status law (marriage and divorce)      Prerequisite:  
Introduction**

**Module number: 410334**

**To Islamic law  
Module number: 410233**

**This course with all that relates to the organization of the family in Islam based on the stipulations of the Jordanian personal status law beginning with the engagement with all the accompanying formalities, until the marriage contract, with all that it entails in terms of rights and obligations for the married couple. The conditions for the validity of the nuptial contract and its applicability, the rights of the children insofar as the establishment of affiliation to the family, nursing, rearing, and the dissolution of the marriage contract and the wisdom of it, while mentioning the ways to end the**

**Course module objectives:**

1. provide students with the basic and advanced knowledge in personal status related to marriage and divorce, provisions and impacts
2. develop and enhance students cognitive and practical skills as well as developing their abilities to learn about marriage, divorce and marriage initiated by wife referred to as (khul)
3. develop students skills in writing and formulating articles, reports and research papers related to marriage, divorce and women's rights in this field

**Course/ module components**

- Books (title , author (s), publisher, year of publication)

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
Prelude to the Jordanian Personal Status Law	Dr. Uthmaan Altakruri			

- Support material (s) (vcs, acs, etc).
- Study guide (s) (if applicable)
- Homework and laboratory guide (s) if (applicable).

General discussions of topics selected from the Jordanian personal status law related to marriage and divorce

An outside lecturer

Field visit, workshop (workshop in the multipurpose room)

Research paper

**Teaching methods:**

Lectures, discussion groups, tutorials, problem solving, debates, etc.

Methods	Number of Lectures	Scores' distribution
Lectures	36	80%
Multipurpose room and field visits	5	---
Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions	5	5%
Quizzes and Assignments	2	5%
Paper research & Essays (maximum of 3000words)	---	10%
Total	48	100%

**Learning outcomes:**

- **Knowledge and understanding**

**At the end of this module, a student will be able to:**

**A/1 understand the basic elements of marriage and divorce in the Jordanian personal status law**

**A/2 display advanced as well as specialized knowledge of the basis for the Jordanian personal status law (marriage and divorce) along with its judicial applications**

**A/4 be exposed to the various topics related to the law of personal status and legal, social and ethical dimensions**

- **Cognitive skills (thinking and analysis).**

**B/1 display ability to apply theoretic knowledge to actual and /or presumed cases related to personal status**

**B/2 diagnose and analyze material facts and legal conducts related to personal status within its appropriate framework**

**B/3 analyze, interpret and assess legislative texts , judicial decisions and jurisprudential interpretations in the area of personal status**

**B/5 develop legal argumentation and deal in an ideal manner with various logical assumptions related to personal status**

**B/6 develop a critical and analytical mental faculty and to further choose logical solutions for actual cases or problems**

- **Communication skills (personal and academic).**

**C/1 implement solutions bolstered by legal evidences to personal status related cases**

**C/3 formulate and prepare research papers in compliance with a legal scientific methodology**

- **Practical and subject specific skills (Transferable Skills).**

**D/5 to get involved in institutions and quarters, in addition to topics related to personal status, including the chief justice**

### Assessment instruments

- Short reports and/ or presentations, and/ or Short research projects
- Quizzes.
- Home works
- Final examination: 50 marks

<u>Allocation of Marks</u>	
Assessment Instruments	Mark
First examination	20%
Second examination	20%
Final examination: 50 marks	50%
Reports, research projects, Quizzes, Home works, Projects	10%
Total	100%

### Documentation and academic honesty

- Documentation style (with illustrative examples)

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- Protection by copyright
- Avoiding plagiarism.

### Course/module academic calendar

**This module consists of (48) hours allocated into (16) weeks, (3) hours a week, divided as follows:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Islam's consideration for family, engagement and related matters, types of pre-Islamic marriages	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Defining marriage contract, basis, expressions and proof from the Holy Quran and Sunnah (ways of the prophet pbuh), offer and acceptance	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Conditions of a marriage contract. Conditions for establishing marriage , validity conditions, commencement conditions, necessity conditions	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Proscribed women either through kinship, affinity, nursing, or temporary arrangement	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Types of marriage contracts. Valid vs. invalid. The impacts of each	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Marital rights, dowry: branches, types, its maturity: full or half along with specific conditions	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wife's alimony: conditions, estimate, types and indication of its obligation. Husband's abstention concerning alimony, lapse and specific causes	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Equality between wives, equality: in night accommodation, dwelling, travel, health and sickness	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Husband's rights, obedience and discipline, shared rights. Termination of marriage contract through annulment, divorce and/or (khul), amongst other reasons	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Types of divorce (sunni and innovative), retroactive/through minor evidence, major evidence	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mukhala'ah: meaning, proof of its legitimacy, its impacts	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Aluddah (tem of period of waiting): types, basis and impacts	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Children's rights, kinship, proof of kinship: conditions and method or process	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Nursing: prohibited breastfeeding, nursing intervals, prohibited age for nursing	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Custody: meaning, the right to custody listed according to priority	
16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>General Review</i>	

**Expected workload:**

On average students need to spend 2 hours of study and preparation for each 50-minute lecture/tutorial.

**Attendance policy:**

Absence from lectures and/or tutorials shall not exceed 15%. Students who exceed the 15% limit without a medical or emergency excuse acceptable to and approved by the Dean of the relevant college/faculty shall not be allowed to take the final examination and shall receive a mark of zero for the course. If the excuse is approved by the Dean, the student shall be considered to have withdrawn from the course.

**Module references**

**Books**

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Edition</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Publishing Year</b>
Alwaseet in explaining Personal Status Law	Dr. Ibrahim Abdulrahm ann			
Personal Status	Dr. Mustafa Alsubaii			

**Journals**

**Journal of Juridical Decisions**  
**Journals of doctrines**

**Websites**

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