

<b>Title of the Course</b>	<b>FAMIY AND INHERITANCE LAW</b>		
Amount in credit points/ ECTS)	3/ 4,5	Amount (in hours)	120
Grounding	State and Law Theory; Civil Law. General part.		
Science Sector	Legal science		
Science Subsector	Civil Law		
<b>Summary of academic hours</b>		<b>Amount (academic hours)</b>	
Distance learning		60	
Contact hours / video lessons		12	
Exercises, self – assessment questions and tests		16	
Individual work/ discussions in distance		30	
Exams/tests		2	
<b>1. level professional study programme</b>	Law		
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<b>Lecturer(s) of the course</b>	Mg. Iur. Jolanta Dinsberga		
<b>Goal of the course:</b>	The goal of the course is to introduce students with the necessary knowledge and competencies regarding family and inheritance law. To promote the understanding about legal institution of family and inheritance law in Latvia and Civil Law of the Republic of Latvia, part Family and Inheritance law and other related legislative acts as well as to introduce with court judgements and its appliance during solving legal issues of family and inheritance matters.		
<b>Requirements for obtaining credit points (structure of course evaluation):</b>	<u>The final evaluation is calculated:</u> Moodle discussion/task – 30% Exam – 70% <i>For obtaining final evaluation, both activities should hold successful evaluation – not below 4 points.</i> <i>Final evaluation is the average grade in 10-point system, in proportion of percentage distributed amongst both activities</i>		
<b>Study Results</b>			
1. <i>Knowledge:</i> 1.1. Know and understand family and inheritance law essence and terms; 1.2. Know family and inheritance law latest topicalities; 1.3. Know local and international legislative acts of document preparation, preparation principles, methods and stages. 2. <i>Skills:</i> 2.1. able to demonstrate understanding of correlations between the most important concepts of family and inheritance law; 2.2. able to discuss over the topicalities and problems of family and inheritance law; 2.3. able to find solution to an existing problem situation regarding family and inheritance law by applying the legislative acts, court practice and doctrine; 2.4. able to prepare, analyse and certify documents of legal transactions and applied legislative acts 2.5. able to summarise work results shortly and concretely, to present them in different ways, to argument and explain the legal conclusions made.			

**3. Competency:**

- 3.1. self-sufficiently able to find the necessary information, to analyse and choose the relevant in order to obtain theoretical findings about the said subject in the area of family and inheritance law.
- 3.2. based on publically available information and by applying research methods, able to analyse the situation in the field of family and inheritance law, as well as to identify problems self-sufficiently.
- 3.3. able to find a solution to a specific problem in the field by preparing legally correct documentation, based on legislative acts, court practises and case law in the family and inheritance law area.

**Content of the Course**

No.	Subjects	Contact hours/ video audio lessons	Distance learning	Exercises, self-assessment questions and tests	Individual work/ discussions in distance	Exams/tests
1.	Basics of Entering into Marriage and Termination of Marriage	12	4	1	3	2
2.	Personal rights of spouses and family and inheritance rights of		8	2	4	
3.	Determination of Filiation of a child and trusteeship		4	1	2	
4.	Adoption		6	1	2	
5.	Guardianship and trusteeship		8	2	3	
6.	General provisions of inheritance law		4	1	2	
7.	Inheritance by law		4	1	2	
8.	Inheritance by will		4	1	2	
9.	Legacies, reciprocal wills		2	1	2	
10.	Inheritance contracts. Opening of succession, protection of estates, and inheritance actions and trusteeship of an inheritance		8	2	3	
11.	Accepting and taking an inheritance. Relationships between co-heirs and division of the inheritance.		4	2	3	
12.	Termination loss and of		4	1	2	

inheritance rights.					
<b>TOTAL:</b>	12	60	16	30	2
<b>120</b>					

**Mastering the course and successfully passing examination, student is capable of** (*knowledge, skills and competencies*)

Study Results:	Evaluation Criteria		
	(40-69%)	(70-89%)	(90-100%)
<b>Knowledge</b>			
Know and understand the essence and concept of family and inheritance law	Have overall knowledge, but cannot give detailed explanation to every topic and essence of family and inheritance law, to justify opinion	Have good knowledge, able to give detailed explanation to every topic and essence of family and inheritance law, however, cannot justify own opinion	Have excellent knowledge, able to give detailed explanation to every topic and essence of family and inheritance law and are capable to justify own opinion
Know family and inheritance law trends	Have overall knowledge about trends, however cannot give detailed comments	Have good knowledge about trends, can give detailed comments, however cannot justify own opinion about the trends and understand the meaning of them	Are up-to-date with the changes of legislative acts in Latvia and around the world. Able to give logical and reasonable opinion about them
Know legislative acts of document preparation, preparation principles, methods and stages	Have superficial understanding of legislative acts of document preparation, preparation principles, methods and stages	Have partial understanding of legislative acts of document preparation, preparation principles, methods and stages	Know the preparation of documents of legislative acts, preparation principles, methods and stages
<b>Skills:</b>			
Able to demonstrate the understanding of most important concepts and correlations in family and inheritance law	Lack of understanding about the most important concepts and correlations	Understand the most important concepts, however have difficulties with detecting the correlations	Understand the most important concepts and correlations
Able to argument about the trends and problems in family and inheritance law field	Lack skills to discuss about the trends and problems, cannot defend their opinion, cannot identify the existing problems concerning family and inheritance law	Able to discuss about the trends and problems, however have difficulties to defend their opinion	Able to argument about the trends and problems, to form and defend opinion
Able to find solution to an existing problem-situation in the field of liabilities law by applying legislative acts, court practice and doctrine	Problem-situation is evaluated, given overall solution to a problem without a broader	Problem-situation is evaluated, legislative acts selected accordingly, applied	Problem-situation is evaluated, legislative acts selected accordingly,

	justification, without references or partial court practice and/or doctrine	appropriate proceedings, used court practice and/or doctrine, however full explanation about the reasons and consequences of choosing particular proceedings is not given	proceedings applied accordingly, full justification given of the appliance and consequences of the chosen proceedings, arguments are supported by court practice and doctrine
Able to prepare, analyse and certify legal transaction documents and applied legislative acts	Document is created/certified, however legal terms used only partially, the content of the document is not precise (many flaws)	Document is created/certified, legal terms used, the content of the document is precise (contains only minor flaws)	Document is created/certified correctly and precisely (contains all the necessary parts, legal terminology used)
Able to summarise work results shortly and correctly, to present them in different ways, to argument and explain legal conclusions made	Difficulties in summarising the results and presenting to others, basic ability to argument and defend legal conclusions	Able to present work results, however have difficulties to do it in a manner understandable to others, able to argument and present legal conclusions only partially	Able to present their work result shortly and precisely, understandable to others, able to defend legal conclusions
<b>Competencies</b>			
Able to find the necessary information self-sufficiently, in order to obtain theoretical conclusions about the correlations of the subjects in liability field to analyse it and to select the relevant	Observable difficulties in finding the necessary information, selecting the most relevant and analysing it	Able to find the necessary information self-sufficiently, however there are difficulties in selecting the most relevant and to analyse it	Able to find the necessary information self-sufficiently, to select the most relevant and to analyse it
Based on publically obtainable information, using research methods, able to analyse the situation in the liabilities law field, as well as to identify problems self-sufficiently.	Insufficient understanding about the situation to be analysed, difficulties with using research methods as well as solving problems	Able to analyse the situation self-sufficiently by using research methods, able to identify problems, however lack deeper understanding about the problems	Able to analyse the situation self-sufficiently by using research methods, able to identify problems
Able to find a solution to a specific problem in the field by preparing legally correct documentation, based on legislative acts, court practises and case law in the family and inheritance law field	Have difficulties in offering a solution to the identified problem, have overall understanding, however lack understanding about consecutive preparation of the solution and appliance of the legislative acts, court practice and case law.	Able to offer a solution to identified problem, however have difficulties to prepare legally correct solution. Good justification based on legislative acts, court practices and court law, however lack indications to separate elements	Able to offer a solution to identified problem and able to prepare legally correct solution based on legislative acts, court practice and court law

**Acknowledgement of the obtained study results**

Study Results			
Evaluation method	1.1.,-1.3.	2.1.- 2.5.	3.1.-3.3.
Moodle discussion/task	X	X	X
Exam	X	X	X

**Core Literature**

1.	Civil Law. Part one. Family Law. Zinotajs, No.22/23, 10.06.1993.
2.	Civil Law. Part two. Inheritance Law. Valdības Vestnesis, No.42, 22.02.1937.
3.	Civil Status Law. Latvijas Vestnesis, No.52 (3210), 01.04.2005.
4.	Family Court Law. Latvijas Vestnesis, No.107 (3475), 07.07.2006.
5.	Notaries Law. Latvijas Vestnesis, No.48, 09.07.1993.

**Additional Literature**

1.	Kalnins E. Private Law theory and practice. R.: Tiesu namu agentura, 2005.
2.	Krauže R. Inheritance Rights in Republic of Latvia. R.: Biznesa komplekss, 1997.
3.	Vebers J. Commentaries on Civil Law of the Republic of Latvia. Family Law. – R.: Mans Ipasums, 2000
4.	Gencs Z. Inheritance. Scientifically practical commentary. Tiesu Namu agentura: 2002. - 471 p.
5.	Vebers J. Commentaries on Civil Law of the Republic of Latvia. Family Law. – R.: Mans Ipasums, 2000. -176 p.

**Recommended Periodicals**

1.	<a href="http://www.juristavards.lv">www.juristavards.lv</a>
2.	<a href="http://www.lvportals.lv">www.lvportals.lv</a>
3.	<a href="http://www.tiesas.lv">www.tiesas.lv</a>