

Course Syllabus

Course: Family Law

Study Program: Islamic Studies

Number of ECTS Credits: 6

Course Status: Mandatory

Course Code: 207

Weekly Hours: 2+2

Academic Year: 2026/2027

Semester: 4th

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Brief Course Description

This course provides a detailed explanation of the provisions regarding engagement, the definition of marriage, its pillars and conditions, guardianship in marriage, and prohibited women. It also covers the marital rights and duties of the wife and husband, as well as their mutual rights and obligations. Additionally, it addresses the dissolution of the marriage contract through divorce, agreement in exchange for mahr, judicial separation, and the waiting period (iddah).

Course Objectives

The objective of the course "Family Law" is:

- To learn the legal procedures according to Islam, which regulate marriage and the separation of two individuals.
- To prepare students to apply the methods of marital union, its rules, and divorce procedures in cases where the relationship no longer works.
- To raise awareness among individuals about the requirements and procedures for marriage and divorce.
- To introduce Islamic concepts related to the organization of family life and the building of healthy relationships within the family.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, a successfully assessed student will be able to:

- To understand that life continues with various responsibilities that require attention and commitment.

- To understand that Islam permits marriage but regulates it within a clear legal and ethical framework.
- To understand that Islam provides solutions and options for resolving life issues, including divorce, when a marriage fails.
- To understand that family life in Islam is detailed and subject to deep analysis, offering solutions for any potential situation.
- To understand the importance of being responsible and serious when considering marriage, and to avoid situations that may lead to divorce.
- To understand that Islam presents an advanced and balanced system for organizing family life.
- To learn that Islam aims to prevent moral deviations and spiritual harms that may arise from lust and harmful behaviors.

Teaching Methodology:

The course is delivered through lectures, using interactive discussions and encouraging active student participation. Detailed analyses are included during lectures, while semester-long seminar papers are also part of the teaching process. The relationship between students and the professor is open, allowing continuous support to help students achieve successful outcomes.

Course Content

Nr.	Week	Lecture
1.	Week I	General introduction to the course, literature, student assessment, etc., as well as Islam's perspective on family and basic concepts of its sociology.
2.	Week II	Islam's call to marriage, motivations for marriage, and psychological preparation for those intending to marry.
3.	Week III	Engagement, Islamic rules for selecting a marital partner, and the process of choosing and verifying the choice.
4.	Week IV	Completion of engagement and its conclusion.
5.	Week V	Definition of marriage, legality, wisdom, provisions, and components of the marriage contract.
6.	Week VI	Conditions of the marriage contract, its registration, and types of contracts.
7.	Week VII	Marriage impediments: permanently prohibited women and temporarily prohibited women.
8.	Week VIII	Qualifications, guardianship, and testimony.
9.	Week IX	Definition of mahr, legality, wisdom, and its provisions.

10.	Week X	Definition of maintenance, its causes, provisions, reason and conditions of obligation, obligatory areas of maintenance, and related provisions. Inheritance between spouses.
11.	Week XI	Components of divorce, its conditions, and types of divorce.
12.	Week XII	Divorce separation according to the specified time and separation by mutual agreement of the spouses.
13.	Week XIII	Separation by the judge, cases where separation is not allowed, and legal records concerning marital separation.
14.	Week XIV	Definition of iddah, legality, wisdom, its provisions, and the legality of the wife's return, including norms and wisdom.
15.	Week XV	Components and conditions of return and some other related provisions.
Final Exam		

Assessment Criteria and Components:

Class participation and engagement – 10%
Seminar paper – 10%
Midterm exam – 40%
Final exam – 40%
Total – 100%

Academic Policies and Code of Conduct:

The student must respect the institution and the established regulations:

- to respect the lecture schedule;
- to maintain discipline during lectures;
- to follow the instructions given by the lecturer;
- not to keep mobile phones or other devices turned on during class hours.

Required Literature:

E Drejta Familjare në Islam, grup autorësh, Shkup, 2004.
Fik'hu Hanefi, Abdulhamid Mahmud Tuhmaz, Zurich, 2011.
Bedai es-Senai, Ebu Bekr bin Mesud el-Kasani, Kairo, 2005.

Student Workload Contribution:

Activity	Hours	Days\Week	Total
Lectures	3	15	45
Theoretical exercises	2	15	30
Practical work	-	-	-
Meetings with the lecturer / consultations	1	10	10
Field work	-	-	-
Colloquia, seminars, essays	1	10	10
Homework assignments	1	20	20
Independent study time (in library or at home)	1	30	30
Final exam preparation	5	4	20
Time spent in assessment (tests, essays, final exam)	2	5	10
Total	16	15 weeks	175 hours