

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## PARA 320: Family Law

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

This course requires the following prerequisite  
PARA 251 - Legal Research and Writing

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

The law of domestic relations, including marriage, separation, divorce, annulment, adoption, custody, and other topics.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 03/03/2005 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Practicing family law
2. Contracts and marriage
3. Marriage formation
4. Annulments
5. Legal separations
6. Child Custody
7. Child Support
8. Divorce
9. Legal rights of women
10. Paternity proceedings
11. Legal status of children
12. Adoption
13. Surrogacy and modern issues of parenting

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To study family law concepts of marriage, divorce, annulment, adoption, child custody, property settlements, etc.
2. To understand that family is based on state law, and to explore some of the differences and similarities among the states, especially Minnesota and North Dakota.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted