



Course Description for Law Minor Paper 2

Name of Institute: Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts

Course Name: Law Minor Paper 2-Family Law

(UG/PG): UG, Semester 4

Number of Credits: 4 (60 hours)

Level: 3

Course Description:

The course structure proposed here aims to provide a legal perspective to the basic concepts relating to 'family' as an institution. It also aims to give an overview of some of the current problems arising out of inequalities that are writ large in many family-related concepts. The students are to be encouraged to view Family Law as not just a part of our legal system based on personal laws, but also as a vehicle of achieving democratic values enshrined in constitutional directives in a progressive way.

This course aims to understand and appreciate the legal framework on which the institution of marriage is based. It also seeks to understand the larger significance of the legalities of marriage as a part of the constitution of India. One of the objectives is to help comprehend how Family Law can be used to bring about desirable social change.

The course outlines topics like customary practices and state regulations; inheritance in Hindus, Muslims, Christian and Parsi communities; alimonies and maintenance provisions under various Personal Laws, and establishment and working of Family Courts, to name a few.