

Family Law  
Davis  
Spring 12

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**COURSE MATERIALS:**

Domestic Relations, Cases and Materials, Wadlington & O'Brien, 6<sup>th</sup> ed.  
Foundation Press----Required

Alabama Divorce, Alimony and Child Custody, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Davis & McCurley,  
Lawyers Educational Press—Optional

**CLASS ATTENDANCE**

Law School policies on attendance, exams, grading, and academic misconduct apply. (See your Student Handbook ([www.law.ua.edu/students/handbook.pdf](http://www.law.ua.edu/students/handbook.pdf)) for copies of these documents and the Associate Dean for questions you might have.)

**EXAM**

The exam will be a traditional law school type exam. (Old exams on line in the library). Each student may prepare and use during the exam a 30 page summary from their class notes. The exam is a “semi-floating exam”. It will be a timed exam (usually 3 to 3 ½ hours).

The procedure is as follows:

It will float from Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will follow the Law School Floating Schedule.

**Grading:**

I will follow Law School policy regarding class participation and all other matters. Class participation may affect your grade as permitted by law school policy.

**ADA Accommodations:**

The Law School is committed to meeting the needs of students with physical, learning, and other disabilities, and provides appropriate accommodations and services tailored to each person's specific requirements. The Law School's associate deans and the University's Office of Disability Services work together to help individuals with disabilities achieve and maintain individual autonomy. Students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Associate Dean for Students/Academic Services so that the individual's needs for support services can be evaluated and accommodated in a timely manner.

**Technology Use in Class Room:**

Use of Computers or Electronic Devices in the Classroom

Section 1. Policy.

(a) A student at the law school may not use a computer or electronic device in the classroom for a purpose that is unrelated to note-taking or classroom instruction. An individual faculty member may prohibit or otherwise further limit the use of computers or electronic devices in a particular course or for a particular class session. A faculty member shall advise students through the course syllabus of any further limits that apply to an entire course.

(b) A student may not use a computer or electronic device to record a class without the permission of the faculty member who teaches the course.

Section 2. Sanctions.

A student who willfully violates this policy may, in the discretion of the faculty member, be treated as absent for the class session in which the violation takes place. A faculty member may impose additional sanctions for

a violation if the faculty member provides notice of the additional sanctions through the course syllabus.

**Note:** Additional sanctions may be imposed as permitted by the Law School after consultation with the Associate Dean for Students/Academic Services.

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**JANUARY**

- 9 Chapter II: Marriage Law
- 16 M.L. King Day
- 23 Continue Chapter II and begin Chapter III: Husband and Wife
- 30 Chapter III: Husband and Wife: Changing Roles , Rights and Duties

**FEBRUARY**

- 06 Chapter IV: Divorce: Grounds and Jurisdictions
- 13 Chapter V: Economic Transactions Between Spouses
- 20 Chapter V. Economic Transactions Between Spouses
- 27 Chapter VI. Legitimate and Illegitimate Status/Parentage

**MARCH**

- 05 Chapter VII Raising Children: Competing Interest of Parent, Child and State
- 12 SPRING BREAK
- 19 Chapter VIII: Custody
- 26 Chapter VIII: Custody/ Visitation

**APRIL**

- 04 Enforcement
- 09 Chapter IX: Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights
- 16 Adoption
- 23 LAST DAY OF CLASS

CONTENT OF SYLLABUS HAS BEEN POSTED ON TWEN.