COURSE DETAIL

FAMILY, ETHICS, AND LAW

Country
Ireland

Host Institution
University College Dublin

Program(s)
University College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number
116

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
FAMILY, ETHICS, AND LAW

UCEAP Transcript Title
FAMILY/ETHICS & LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units
4.00

UCEAP Semester Units
2.70

Course Description

This course comprises a sustained philosophical, ethical, and legal examination of the family in modern Western society. The course examines some basic principles of family law (from Irish and other jurisdictions) as expressing societal values about different aspects of family life, and the course discusses the different ways that the state can authorize, monitor, and intrude in marriage and divorce, death and inheritance, and birth and child upbringing. The course asks what parents owe their children (and whether parents should be licensed like drivers and doctors), what adult children owe their elderly parents (and whether to make this a legal requirement), and what spouses owe each other (should the state do more to prevent domestic abuse?). The course compares biological reproduction, adoption, and surrogacy, and how these relate to definitions of the family and of parenthood. The course also examines how power and oppression works within families, and between families and communities, especially in supporting gender discrimination.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
PHIL20550

Host Institution Course Title
FAMILY, ETHICS AND LAW

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Philosophy

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