

# 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 Course Details**

## **Host Institution Campus**

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Philosophy

## **Course Last Reviewed**

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