



## BS (4 Years) for Affiliated Colleges

Code	Subject Title	Cr. Hrs	Semester
GS-201	Marriage and Family Laws in Pakistan	3	III
Year	Discipline		
2	Gender Studies		

The course gives detailed study of Muslim Family Laws in Pakistan particularly to understand the principal sources of Islamic Laws in the area of family rights. The course also intends to develop understanding among students regarding rights and responsibilities of spouses within marriage and in case of conflicts like in divorce, custody and guardianship of children etc.

### Course Contents

- **Historical overview and sources of Islamic Law**
- **Family Laws in the Pre Independence Period**
- **Muslim Family Ordinance, 1961**
- **Marriage**
- **Polygamy**
- **Dower**
- **Dowry (Dowry and Bridal Gifts Restriction Act, 1976)**
- **Dissolution of Marriage**
  - Talaq
  - Khula
  - Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Act (1939)
- **Iddat**
- **Maintenance**
- **Custody and Guardianship**
- **Law of Inheritance**
- **Recent Reforms in Punjab**

### Basic Readings

- Sirkat, Gah. (1994). **A handbook on Family Law in Pakistan**. Lahore: ShirkatGah Publication.
  - Iqbal, Safia. (n.d). **Women and Islamic Law**. Lahore: Islamic Publications.
  - Farani, M. (n.d). **Manual of Family Laws**. Lahore: G.F Printings Press.
  - Sustainable Development Policy Institute (2008). **Land Rights for Muslim Women: Review of Law and Policy**
  - International Human Rights Observer (n.d). **Pakistan Law on Human Rights**.
  - NCSW (n.d). **Women's Right of Inheritance. National Commission on the Status of Women**. Available online
  - Lynn Welchman (2004). **Women's Rights and Islamic Family Law: Perspectives on Reform**. Zed Books; London
  - Ali Shaik (n.d). **Law of Divorce and Khula in Pakistan**. Available online
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