

Affinity and Consanguinity

Affinity - marriage.	Husband and wife are first degree.
Consanguinity - blood.	Parent and child - first degree. Grandparent and grandchild - second degree. Siblings - second degree. Uncle/aunt and niece/nephew - third degree. First cousins - fourth degree.

1-1-219. Relationship by affinity. (1) Unless the context requires otherwise, in this code "affinity" means the relation which one spouse has, by virtue of the marriage, to blood relatives of the other. Therefore, a person has the same relation by affinity to his spouse's blood relatives as his spouse has to them by consanguinity and vice versa.

(2) Degrees of relationship by affinity are computed in the same manner as degrees of relationship by consanguinity.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the term "affinity" includes the relation of husband and wife. Husband and wife are considered to be related by affinity in the first degree.

72-11-101. Degrees of kinship -- how computed. The degree of kinship is established by the number of generations, and each generation is called a degree.

72-11-102. Types of kinship -- lineal and collateral. There are two types of kinship, lineal and collateral. Lineal kinship, or the direct line of consanguinity, is the relationship between persons, one of whom is a descendant of the other. Collateral kinship is the relationship between people who descend from a common ancestor but are not in a direct line.

72-11-103. Computation of degrees in lineal kinship. The degree of lineal kinship of two persons is computed by counting one degree for each person in the line of ascent or descent, exclusive of the person from whom the computing begins. The child is, with regard to the parent, in the first degree; the grandchild is, with regard to the grandparent, in the second degree; and vice versa as to the parent and grandparent with regard to their respective children and grandchildren.

72-11-104. Computation of degrees in collateral kinship. The degree of collateral kinship of two persons is computed by commencing with one of the persons, ascending from that person to a common ancestor, descending from that ancestor to the other person, and counting one degree for each person in the line of ascent and in the line of descent, exclusive of the person from whom the computation begins. Siblings are related to each other in the second degree, uncle and niece are related to each other in the third degree, and first cousins are related to each other in the fourth degree.