



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-121	Course Title Constitutional Law I	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall
Type of Course Core	Field Constitutional Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr. Kriton Dionysiou	Year of Study 1 st
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Course Objectives:

Constitutional Law I is designed to introduce students to the constitutional system of government, assess the sources of the British constitution, to study the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, and to show the limitations on the exercise of governmental powers. More specifically, this course aims to introduce students to the principles of constitutional law such as the rule of law; separation of powers; the royal prerogative and parliamentary supremacy. Additionally, it seeks to evaluate the British constitutional system to a level which satisfies professional requirements; to encourage independent and critical thought and analysis; to promote skills of group work; and to develop skills of independent reading and research.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Assess the notion of the separation of powers and its importance in a modern liberal democratic state.
- Evaluate the concept of Rule of Law, its essence in the British constitutional order and the different interpretations attached to it.
- Explain the different sources of the UK Constitution, of much importance in

light of its unwritten nature.

- General overview of the improvement in rights protection following the passing of the Human Rights Act in 1998.
- State the different institutions of government, including the roles undertaken by each.
- Identify the key themes and principles of Administrative Law
- Appraise the public / private law dichotomy.

Course Content:

1. General introduction to Constitutional Law; Classification of Constitutions; Constitutionalism
2. Sources of the British Constitution
3. Separation of Powers
4. Rule of Law
5. Crown and the Royal Prerogative
6. Parliamentary Supremacy
7. Administrative Law

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive Lectures, Tutorials, Debates, Written Examinations

Assessment Methods:

Participation in the classroom, mid-term exam, final exam

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year
Public Law	Mark Elliott & Robert Thomas	Oxford	2020

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year
Constitutional & Administrative Law	Hilaire Barnett	Routledge	2016
Introduction to Cyprus Law, 2 nd ed.	Dennis Cambell (ed.),	Yorkhill Law Publishing	2009