



## Course Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b> LAW-121	<b>Course Title</b> Constitutional Law I	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Prerequisites</b> None	<b>Department</b> Law	<b>Semester</b> Fall
<b>Type of Course</b> Core	<b>Field</b> Constitutional Law	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	<b>Lecturer</b> Petros Konstantinides	<b>Year of Study</b> 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Face-to-face	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Corequisites</b> 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 in particular 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.
- Analyze the similarities and fundamental differences between the UK and Cyprus Constitutions.
- 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. EU legal order
8. EU law and Parliamentary Supremacy

### **Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Interactive Lectures, Tutorials, Presentations, Role-Playing, Debates, Written Examinations, Assignments

### **Assessment Methods:**

Participation in the classroom, writing and presentations of two assignments, mid-term exam, final exam

**Required Textbooks / Readings:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>
<i>Constitutional &amp; Administrative Law</i>	Hilaire Barnett	Routledge	2016

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<i>Constitutional and Administrative Law, 15<sup>th</sup> ed.</i>	A W Bradley and K D Ewing (ed.)	Oxford University Press	2008
<i>Introduction to Cyprus Law, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.</i>	Dennis Cambell (ed.),	Yorkhill Law Publishing	2009