

# **COURSE DATA**

| Data Subject  |                      |  |  |
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| Code          | 35199                |  |  |
| Name          | Constitutional Law I |  |  |
| Cycle         | Grade                |  |  |
| ECTS Credits  | 9.0                  |  |  |
| Academic year | 2018 - 2019          |  |  |

| Study (s)  |  |                          |
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| Degree   | Center   | Acad. Period<br>year     |
| 1303 - Degree in Law   | Faculty of Law   | 1 Annual                 |
| 1921 - D.D. in Business Management<br>Administration-Law           | Doubles Studies Faculty of Law -<br>Faculty of Economics | 1 Annual                 |
| 1922 - D.D. in Law-Political and Public<br>Administration Sciences | Faculty of Law   | 1 Annual                 |
| 1923 - D.D. in Law-Criminology                                     | Faculty of Law   | 1 Annual                 |
| Subject-matter   |  |                          |
| Degree   | Subject-matter   | Character                |
| 1303 - Degree in Law   | 2 - Introduction to constitutional law                   | Basic Training           |
| 1921 - D.D. in Business Management<br>Administration-Law           | 1 - Year 1 compulsory subjects                           | Basic Training           |
| 1922 - D.D. in Law-Political and Public<br>Administration Sciences | 1 - Year 1 compulsory subjects                           | Obligatory               |
| 1923 - D.D. in Law-Criminology                                     | 1 - Year 1 compulsory subjects                           | Obligatory               |
| Coordination   |  |                          |
| Name   | Department   |                          |
| ROLLNERT LIERN, GORAN  | 55 - Constitutional Law, Poli<br>Sciences                | tical and Administrative |



## SUMMARY

*Constitutional Law I* is a basic annual subject that is taught in the first year of the Law Grade and his teaching load is 9 ECTS. This subject is continued in the second-year subject, *Constitutional Law II*.

## PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

#### **Other requirements**

### OUTCOMES

#### 1303 - Degree in Law

- Conocer el concepto de Estado y los órganos que lo componen.
- Saber aplicar el modelo constitucional al contexto de información política actual.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

• To understand the concept of State and to identify its basic political institutions.

- To distinguish the different phases in the evolution of the State until today, particularly the defining features of the liberal State and its transformation into a social State.

- To understand the institutional dynamics of the parliamentary system in its practical application to the Spanish case: the functions of the Head of State and the countersignature, the role of the Parliament with special reference to election and the legislative process; the relationship of trust between Government and Parliament; the Judiciary; the Constitutional Court and, specially, control of the constitutionality proceedings.

- To frame any legal provision in the distribution of competence system and to know how to work the institutional estructure of the Valencian Community in the general constitutional framework.

• To know the concept of Constitution as a legal provision and the system of sources of law:

- To handle properly the fundamental concepts of the Theory of the Constitution, fundamentally, the concept of Constitution and the instrumental notions about it.



- To properly grasp the modern concept of Constitution as a legal provision and its implications for the system of sources of the law. To determine the position of any legal standard in the current complex system of sources. To be able to identify the sources of the law applicable to any legal problem; and to become familiar with the codes or legislative compilations to be able to find legal rules with different criteria (chronological, systematic or analytical).

• To know how to apply the constitutional model to the current context of political information.

## **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS**

#### 1. Theory of the State (I)

The concept of State and its constitutive elements.

#### 2. Theory of the State (II)

Historical evolution of the State: the modern State.

#### 3. Theory of the State (III)

Historical evolution of the State: the liberal State and the social State.

#### 4. Constitutional Theory

Constitutional Theory and its application to the present Spanish constitutional system. The concept of Constitution. The constituent power. Defending and amending the Constitution. The amendment of the Constitution in Spain.

#### 5. The Constitution and the law sources (I)

The Constitution as legal provision and the constitutional system of sources of law.

#### 6. The Constitution and the law sources (II)

The Constitutional Court jurisprudence



#### 7. The Constitution and the law sources (III)

The International Treaties and the Law of the European Union in the sources of law system.

#### 8. The Constitution and the law sources (IV)

The Acts and other provisions having the force of a parliament Act. The Regulations.

#### 9. Separation of powers and forms of government

The praxis of the principle of separation of powers: forms of government. Features of presidential system vs parliamentarism.

#### 10. The institutional organization of the State (I)

The Head of State: significance of the institution and functions. The countersignature

#### 11. The institutional organization of the State (II)

The Parliament: features and composition

#### 12. The institutional organization of the State (III)

The Parliament: organization

#### 13. The institutional organization of the State (IV)

The Parliament: functions

#### 14. The institutional organization of the State (V)

The Government: designation, composition and its relationships with the Parliament

#### 15. The institutional organization of the State (VI)

The Government: its relationships with the Parliament.

#### 16. The institutional organization of the State (VII)



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The Judiciary: constitutional configuration. The Constitutional Court: organization and performance, control of the constitutionality of laws and constitutional conflicts

#### 17. The territorial organization of the State (I)

Constitutional principles and distribution of competencies.

#### 18. The territorial organization of the State (II)

The Valencian Autonomous Community

## WORKLOAD

| ACTIVITY                                     | Hours  | % To be attended |
|--|--------|------------------|
| Theoretical and practical classes            | 90,00  | 100              |
| Study and independent work                   | 90,00  | 0                |
| Preparing lectures                           | 30,00  | 0                |
| Preparation of practical classes and problem | 10,50  | 0                |
| Resolution of case studies                   | 4,50   | 0                |
| TOTAL  | 225,00 |                  |

## **TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

- Lectures with group discussion.
- Proposal and resolution of practical cases
- Preparation / presentation of individual and group work.
- Carrying out tasks and practices.
- Attendance at tutorials.
- Comprehensive reading materials.
- Drafting of summaries, diagrams, etc.



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## **EVALUATION**

It will use the following procedure for assessing competencies:

• Writen and/or oral test/sl, consisting of one or more exams that may be objective type tests, including theoretical-practical questions and / or problems. In case of final oral test, it must be recorded.

• Assessment of individual and / or group practical from the preparation, delivery of papers, memos/reports and / or oral presentations, and student attendance at seminars.

• Continuous evaluation of each student, based on regular attendance and active participation in classroom activities proposed, level of involvement in the process of teaching and learning and skills and attitudes displayed during the development of activities. The activities of continuous evaluation, by their nature, are not recoverable in second call.

For the accomplishment of the applied and complementary activities, the lecturer of the subject will be able to use the methodology of the Learning-Service

 CONTINOUS EVALUATION
 10%

 Evaluable activity 1
 10%

 Evaluable activity 2
 10%

 Evaluable activity 3
 10%

 Total continous evaluation
 30%

 GLOBAL TEST (theoretical-practical examInation). A partial qualifying examination with a 70% value of 35% of the grade will be made in which case the final test will have a value of 35% for students who have passed the qualifying exam.

 TOTAL
 100%

The overall grade will be distributed as follows:



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## REFERENCES

#### Basic

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- ALZAGA VILLAAMIL, O. y otros: Derecho político español : según la Constitución de 1978, Centro de estudios Ramón Areces, Madrid, 2007.
- BALAGUER CALLEJÓN, F. (coord.), CÁMARA VILLAR, G. y otros: Derecho Constitucional, vol. I, Tecnos, Madrid, última edición.
- CASTELLÁ ANDREU, J. M. (ed.), COTINO HUESO, L. y otros: Derecho Constitucional Básico, 3.ª ed., Huygens Editorial, Barcelona, última edición.
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- GARCIA COTARELO, R. (comp.), Introducción a la Teoría del Estado, 2ª ed., Teide Barcelona, 1981.
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- LÓPEZ GUERRA, L.: Introducción al Derecho Constitucional, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 1994.
- Código de leyes políticas, de cualquier editorial salvo indicación específica del profesor del grupo.
- Estatuto de Autonomía de la Comunidad Valenciana
- SÁNCHEZ FERRIZ, R.: El Estado Constitucional: configuración histórica y jurídica. Organización funcional, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2009.

#### Additional

- VV.AA.: Derecho Constitucional I, en Base de Conocimiento Jurídico, www.iustel.com (sólo accesible desde un ordenador conectado a la red de la Universidad o mediante conexión VPN)
- VV.AA.: Derecho Constitucional II en Base de Conocimiento Jurídico, www.iustel.com (sólo accesible desde un ordenador conectado a la red de la Universidad o mediante conexión VPN)
- Constitución española comentada, http://narros.congreso.es/constitucion/index.htm.
- Derecho Constitucional I, OCW Universidad de Oviedo, http://ocw.uniovi.es/course/view.php?id=770.
- MARTIN CUBAS, J. (coord.): Constitución, Política y Administración. España 2017, reflexiones para el debate, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia 2017