

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Comparative Constitutional Law</b>
<b>Lecture hours:</b>	20
<b>Study period: (summer/winter)</b>	summer/winter
<b>Number of credits:</b>	4 ECTS
<b>Assessment methods:</b>	<p>The exam will be a single-choice test (20 questions). Each plus for activity during classes is one additional point on the exam.</p> <p>Grading scale. The total number of points to be scored is 20 points.</p> <p>19-20 points - 5.0 17-18 points - 4.5 15-16 points - 4.0 13-14 points - 3.5 11-12 points - 3.0 0 – 10 points - 2.0</p>
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	English
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Knowledge of the basics of law.
<b>Course content:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Historical background; constitution concept; features of a constitution; types of constitutions; role and significance of a constitution in a democratic state; the procedure for adopting and amending the constitution.</li> <li>2. The most important political principles.</li> <li>3. Fundamental rights and freedoms of persons and citizens, together with means of their protection.</li> <li>4. Basic systems of government in democratic states.</li> <li>5. The legislative power.</li> <li>6. The executive power.</li> <li>7. The judicial power.</li> </ol>
<b>Learning outcomes:</b>	<p>At the end of the course, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– understand and explain: basic concepts of constitutional law, role and significance of a constitution in a democratic state; the constitutional systems of some democratic states;</li> <li>– compare the primary systems of government;</li> <li>– work with information on fundamental rights and freedoms of persons and citizens stated in various constitutions;</li> <li>– interpret constitutional provisions of different states;</li> <li>– make reasoned political decisions.</li> </ul>

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<b>Literature:</b>	<p><b>Legal acts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– The Constitution of the Republic of Poland;</li><li>– The Constitution of the United States;</li><li>– The Constitution of the Republic of France;</li><li>– The Constitution of the Italian Republic;</li><li>– The Constitution of the Federal Republic of Germany.</li></ul> <p><b>Books:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– T. Ginsburg, R. Dixon, <i>Comparative Constitutional Law</i>, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd 2012;</li><li>– A.W. Heringa, <i>Constitutions Compared. An Introduction to Comparative Constitutional Law</i>, Eleven International Publishing 2023;</li><li>– A.W. Heringa, <i>Comparative Constitutional Law Documents</i>, Eleven International Publishing 2023.</li></ul>