SUBJECT TEACHING GUIDE

G2084 - Constitutional Law I

Double Degree in Law and Administration and Business Management
First Degree in Law

Academic year 2026-2027

1. IDENTIFYING DATA					
Degree	Double Degree in Law and Administration and Business Management First Degree in Law			Type and Year	Compulsory. Year 1 Compulsory. Year 1
Faculty	Faculty of Law				
Discipline					
Course unit title and code	G2084 - Constitutional Law I				
Number of ECTS credits allocated	6	Term		Semester based (2)	
Knowledge Field	Law and legal specialities				
Web					
Language of instruction	Spanish	English Friendly	No	Mode of delivery	Face-to-face

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4. OBJECTIVES

Through the study of this subject it is intended that students achieve the following two global objectives: a) the first objective pursues the achievement of a correct understanding of the nature, composition, organization, functioning and functions developed by the supreme constitutional organs of the State, as well as the proper understanding of the relationships and controls that exist between them; b) on the other hand, the purpose of the subject is for students to know how to identify the great existing models of territorial organization of the State and, based on this assumption, be able to place in such a context the model of the autonomous State designed from the Spanish Constitution of 1978 and understand both its legal articulation and its practical operation.

6. SUBJECT PROGRAM

	CONTENTS
1	Lesson 1. The constitutional organization of the State: basic concepts. 1.1 The State as an organic framework. 1.2 Constitutional bodies and bodies of constitutional relevance. 1.3 The functions of the constitutional State: separation of powers, political direction and control. 1.4 Conflicts between constitutional bodies. Lesson 2. Relations between the Parliament and the Government 2.1 Political systems: presidentialism and parliamentarism. 2.2 The procedure for the investiture of the Prime Minister. 2.3 Parliament and political accountability: the motion of censure and the vote of confidence. 2.4 The dissolution of the Cortes Generales. 2.5 Extra-parliamentary crises: the resignation of the Prime Minister. 2.6 The criminal liability of members of the Government. Lesson 3. The Crown. 3.1 The Head of State: evolution and historical meaning. 3.2 The Crown as an organ of the State: functions. 3.3 The constitutional status of the Head of State: endorsement and inviolability. 3.4 Succession, regency, minority and the Princehood of Asturias. 3.5 The Royal House. Lesson 4. The Parliament. 4.1 The Cortes Generales as a complex body: bicameralism. 4.2 Internal organization, operation and prerogatives of the Chambers. 4.3 The composition of the Chambers and the statute of parliamentarians. 4.4 The functions of the Cortes Generales: legislative, budgetary and control. Lesson 5. The Government. 5.1 The constitutional position of the Government. 5.2 The President of the Government. 5.3 The composition of the Government, the status of the members of the Government and the acting Government. 5.4 The constitutional functions of the Government. 5.5 Constitutional principles of public administration. Lesson 6. The judiciary. 6.1 The constitutional configuration of the judiciary. 6.2 Constitutional principles of the jurisdictional function. 6.3 The status of judges and magistrates. 6.4 The structure of the judiciary: the General Council of the Judiciary and the Public Prosecutor' s Office. Lesson 7. The Constitutional Court. 7.1 The Constitutional Court and the separation of powers. 7.2 Composition and organization. 7.3 The functioning of the Constitutional Court.

2	Lesson 8. The principles of the territorial organization of the State. 8.1 The models of territorial organization of the State. 8.2 The historical conformation of the autonomous State. 8.3 The device principle: the right to autonomy. 8.4 The principles of unity, equality and solidarity. 8.5 Local entities: democracy and constitutional guarantee. Lesson 9. The institutional organization of the Autonomous Communities. 9.1 Political institutions. 9.2 The distribution of powers and the regional financing system. 9.3 Relations between the State and the Autonomous Communities: cooperation and conflict. 9.4 The positive and negative conflict of competences and the appeal of unconstitutionality for reasons of competence. 9.5 State coercion: art. 155 CE. Lesson 10. The integration of Spain in the European Union. 10.1 The European Union as a supranational organization. 10.2 The constitutional integration of the Spanish State in the European Union: art. 93 CE.

7. ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA

Description	Type	Final Eval.	Reassessn	%
A single written test, of a purely theoretical nature, will be carried out at the end of the academic period and in accordance with the exam schedule approved by the Faculty Board.	Written exam	No	Yes	60,00
Realization of practical assumptions.	Others	No	No	40,00
TOTAL				100,00

Observations

The evaluation system of the subject could vary in response to a change of circumstances completely unrelated to the teaching activity: in this sense, if the course were forced to be carried out remotely, the established evaluation would also be carried out remotely, through of the online platforms (Moodle) and the electronic media made available by the University.

Voluntary and active participation in the academic activities organized by the Constitutional Law seminar may increase the student's grade up to a maximum of 15 percent of the grade. Those Erasmus students who have special difficulties with the language will take the continuous assessment tests with some modifications.

Observations for part-time students

The evaluation procedure for part-time students who do not attend class regularly will consist of taking an exam and/or handing in assignments, which will be indicated by the teacher, on the date established by the faculty for the examination of the subject. . Those who attend class will be able to benefit from the same evaluation as all students

8. BIBLIOGRAPHY AND TEACHING MATERIALS

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