



Teaching Guide

Teaching Guide				
Identifying Data				2020/21
Subject (*)	Constitutional Organisation of the State		Code	612G01009
Study programme	Grao en Dereito			
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Graduate	2nd four-month period	First	Obligatory	6
Language	Spanish			
Teaching method	Face-to-face			
Prerequisites				
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General description	The study of the subject "constitutional organisation" has the objective to continue facilitating to the undergraduate Law student the necessary training in the legal perspective of the state organisation. Two main parts form the subject: the study of the separation of powers under the Spanish Constitution and the analysis of the Spanish territorial structure. In the first part, the aim of the subject focuses on the constitucional principle of the separation of powers among the three traditional brnaches of Government (Legislative, Executive and the Judiciary) acording the Spanish Constitution of 1978. The second parts is dedicated to the study of the Autonomous Communities, the Local entities and the relationships among both kind of autonomous Governments and the Central State. Both parts will include the analysis of the Constitutional Court, as a fundamental actor in constitutional adjudication between the three brnaches of the Government and also between every territorial Government.			
Contingency plan	1. Modifications to the contents 2. Methodologies *Teaching methodologies that are maintained *Teaching methodologies that are modified 3. Mechanisms for personalized attention to students 4. Modifications in the evaluation *Evaluation observations: 5. Modifications to the bibliography or webgraphy			

Study programme competences

Code	Study programme competences
A1	Knowledge of the main legal institutions
A2	Knowledge of the role of law as a regulatory system of social relations
A3	Grasping the systematic nature of the legal system
A5	Knowing the constitutional principles and values.



A7	Knowing the national and international legal and political structures.
A8	Basic knowledge of legal argumentation.
A9	Ability to handle legal sources (legal, jurisprudential and doctrinal).
A10	Ability to interpret and critically assess the legal system.
A11	Ability to understand and write legal documents.
B2	Ability to know how to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and possess the skills that are usually demonstrated through the elaboration and defense of arguments and the resolution of problems within their area of study.
B3	Ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their area of study) to make judgments that include a reflection on social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
B7	Effective problem solving.
B8	Critical, logical, and creative thinking.
B10	Teamwork and collaboration.
B11	Ethical and social responsibility.
B13	Computing and ICT skills.
C4	Exercising an open, educated, critical, committed, democratic and supportive citizenship for the sake of the common good.
C6	Critically assess the knowledge, technology and information available to solve the problems they face.
C7	Assume as a professional and citizen the importance of lifelong learning.

Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes		Study programme competences	
Coñecemento das estruturas xurídico-políticas de ámbito nacional e internacional		A1 A7	B8 B11 B2 B3 C6 C7
Coñecer a función do Dereito como sistema regulador das relacións sociais.		A2 A5	
Coñecemento dos principios e valores constitucionais.		A5	
Percepción do carácter sistemático do ordenamento xurídico.		A3	
Coñecementos básicos de argumentación xurídica.		A8	
Capacidade de interpretar e analizar críticamente o ordenamento xurídico.		A10	
Capacidade de comprender e de redactar documentos xurídicos		A11	
Capacidade para o manexo de fontes xurídicas (legais, xurisprudenciais e doutrinais).		A9	
Resolver problemas de forma efectiva, valorando a importancia que ten a investigación, a innovación e o desenvolvemento tecnolóxico no avance socioeconómico e cultural da sociedade.			B7
Traballar de forma colaborativa			B10
Capacidade para utilizar a rede informática (internet) na obtención de información e na comunicación de datos e, en xeral, capacidade para empregar as ferramentas básicas das TIC necesarias para o exercicio da súa profesión.			B13
Desenvolverse para o exercicio dunha cidadanía aberta, culta, crítica, comprometida, democrática e solidaria, capaz de analizar a realidade, diagnosticar problemas, formular e implantar solucións baseadas no coñecemento e orientadas ao ben común.			C4

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THEME 12 AUTONOMOUS AND LOCAL FINANCING. 1) Financing system of Common Regime Autonomous Communities 2) Financing system of Special Regime Autonomous Communities. 3) Financing system of local entities.



Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies	Ordinary class hours	Student?s personal work hours	Total hours
Introductory activities	A1 A2 A3 A5 A7 A8 A9 A10 A11 B7 B8 B10 B11 B13 B2 B3 C4 C6 C7	1	1	2
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A1 A2 A3 A5 A7 A8	19	38	57
Seminar	B7 B8 B10	11	22	33
Case study	B7 B8 B10 B2 B3	10	10	20
Document analysis	A9 A10 A11	3	6	9
Directed discussion	A11 B7 B2 B3	3	3	6
Workbook	A1 A2 A3 A5 A7	3	0	3
Objective test	B2 B3	1	0	1
Speaking test	B7 B8 B3	1	0	1
Supervised projects	A9 A11 B7 B3	7	7	14
Personalized attention		4	0	4
(*)The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.				

Methodologies	
Methodologies	Description
Introductory activities	On the first day of class, each of the teachers responsible for the different groups will proceed to explain to their students the structure of the personalized teaching guide, as well as the specific subjects being studied, the approximate distribution of the schedule and the most useful documentary sources for following the academic year.
Guest lecture / keynote speech	The master sessions will constitute the theoretical base that will facilitate the essential knowledge to the student about the subject
Seminar	Seminars are working sessions with a theoretical and practical profile specialized in a specific topic
Case study	Study of practical cases, analysis of legal texts or jurisprudence that teachers propose to students. This activity can be attended or not.
Document analysis	Study or comment on legal documents, doctrinal documents or jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court, European Court of Human Rights, etc...
Directed discussion	This activity will be carried out in a face-to-face way and will consist in the sharing of opinions on a subject, or in the common resolution of current problems that are directly related to the object of study
Workbook	Readings in face-to-face or non-presential sessions
Objective test	Final exam and, if necessary, partial exam (if established by the teacher in charge of that group). During the first week of the term, the teacher in charge of the group will also highlight the specific evaluation mechanisms that will be used during the term.
Speaking test	Possibility of final or partial oral test (to be established by each teacher)
Supervised projects	The teachers of the different subjects integrated in the Module may suggest the development of individual or group works on a specific topic. These works may have a positive influence on the overall evaluation of the term.

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	Description



Case study Supervised projects	A atención personalizada ao estudante non estará vinculada a só unha metodoloxía, senón que será constante. Neste sentido, tanto o contido das clases teóricas, como o estudo persoal do alumno, coma calquera das actividades que integran o curso contarán coa posibilidade dunha tutorización por parte do docente, co fin de que o estudante poida formular as súas dúbidas e dificultades e que o docente poida axustar as súas metodoloxías ás especificidades da persoa concreta.
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Assessment			
Methodologies	Competencies	Description	Qualification
Document analysis	A9 A10 A11	Lecturas / Estudio de Casos / Discusión dirixida / Traballos prácticos individuais ou colectivos	20
Objective test	B2 B3	Prueba obxetiva: oral, escrita ou tipo test	80

Assessment comments
- The teachers may set a percentage of 30 for evaluation of the practical classes (analysis of documentary sources) and 70 for the objective test, provided that the report on the first day of class and the students agree. - Students with a waiver may obtain 100% of the score by taking the objective test.

Sources of information	
Basic	José Antonio Portero Molina, Constitución y jurisprudencia constitucional, Tirant lo Blanch, Valencia, 2005. Balaguer Callejón, Francisco (Coordinador), Manual de Derecho Constitucional, Tecnos, Madrid, 2005. Volumen I y II. Alzaga Villaamil, Derecho Político Español según la Constitución de 1978 (2 vols), CERA, Madrid, 2007 y 2008 Caamaño, Francisco, Jove, Daniel y Roura Gómez, Santiago (2019): Bases para el estudio del Derecho Constitucional. Organización Constitucional del Estado. Kindle, versiones online y papel
Complementary	- José Antonio Portero Molina, ¿Contribución al debate sobre la reforma del Senado?, Revista de Estudios Políticos, n.º 87 (1995), págs. 81-105. - Javier Ruipérez, La protección constitucional de la autonomía, Tecnos, Madrid, 1993. - Javier Ruipérez, Constitución y Autodeterminación, Tecnos, Madrid, 1995. - Javier Ruipérez, El constitucionalismo democrático en los tiempos de la globalización, UNAM, México, 2005. - Santiago Roura Gómez, Federalismo y Justicia Constitucional. El Tribunal Constitucional y las Comunidades Autónomas, Biblioteca Nueva, Madrid, 2003. - Santiago Roura y Javier Tajadura (Dir.), La reforma constitucional, Biblioteca Nueva, Madrid, 2005. - Sonia García Vázquez, La controvertida reforma de la Ley Orgánica del Tribunal Constitucional, Andavira, A Coruña, 2009. - Francisco Tomás y Valiente, El reparto competencial en la jurisprudencia del Tribunal Constitucional, Tecnos, Madrid, 1998. Recursos web: http://constitucion.rediris.es/PortadaDERECONS.html http://www.aecpa.es/ http://www.aelpa.org/ http://www.cepc.es/ http://www.constitution.org/ http://www.findlaw.com/cascode/supreme.html http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/fttrials/conlaw/home.html http://www.law.upenn.edu/conlaw/ http://www.map.es http://www.congreso.es http://www.senado.es http://www.tribunalconstitucional.es

Recommendations
Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before
Constitution and Judiciary/612G01014 European Union Law/612G01021 Regional Public Law in Spain/612G01030
Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously
Oral and Written Communication/612G01004
Subjects that continue the syllabus
Constitutional Law: Sources of Law and Fundamental Rights/612G01003
Other comments



Constitutional States share a lot of constitutional institutions. Legal students will find some similarities and differences between the Spanish regulations and their own Constitutional structures. Previous knowledge of the institutions of their countries of origin will help the students to understand the functioning of the Spanish ones, and they will be able to contribute their vision on the different ways that the Constitutional Law of each country approaches different or similar problems

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