



DRT

PUBL1207 Constitutional Law

[90h+30h exercises] 9 credits

This course is taught in the 1st and 2nd semester

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Language: french
Level: 1st cycle course

Aims

The constitutional law course is aimed at enabling students to acquire, on the one hand, an understanding of the main problems posed by the legal framework governing political organisation at every level and, on the other, the definition of the status of citizens (human rights and political rights). It includes a study of constitutional norms, the status of the citizen and the different political systems.

Main themes

The constitutional law course taught during the 2nd year of university is a continuation of the course on sources and principles of law given during the 1st year. It prepares students for a study of the law of public and administrative institutions (3rd year) and of administrative law (4th year). The subjects studied include: the status of citizens, political authorities (divisions and structures of the State) and the constitutional system (the powers and functions, and crisis procedures). Methodology. The methodology used is lectures. Given the volume of hours reserved for this course, it focuses on the examination of selected questions likely to develop a critical spirit in students, especially with respect to problems that political events may uncover. The lectures are underpinned by compulsory practical exercises. A dialogue in the auditorium is encouraged time permitting. Students are given back-up written material. The course is aimed at facilitating personal study.

Content and teaching methods

1. The Constitution
2. Citizens
3. Political authorities
4. The federal powers
5. The federated powers
6. The division of powers
7. The federal functions
8. The federated functions
9. Crisis procedures.

The constitutional law course is based on lectures but seeks to encourage the participation of students during the sessions. It is based on current political events to stimulate a legal approach to these phenomena.

Other credits in programs

DROI12	Deuxième candidature en droit	(9 credits)	Mandatory
DROI1EP	Année de formation préparatoire à la licence en droit	(9 credits)	Mandatory