

Table 5.2. Course Specification		
Study programme: First-cycle academic studies of the first level – Law		
Course title: Constitutional Law		
Instructor(s): Sandra Đ. Pajić-Šavija		
Course status: Compulsory, second semester, first year		
ECTS: 11		
Prerequisites: None		
Course Aim The aim of the course is to introduce students to the basic concepts of constitutional law as a branch of law within the legal system and as the science forming its theoretical foundation; to familiarise them with constitutional law subject matter, the political institutions relating to the supreme authority of the state, its structure, organisation and functioning, and to develop an understanding of both the fundamental comparative-law and positive-law institutions and bodies.		
Learning Outcomes Upon passing the exam, the student will have acquired theoretical knowledge in the field of constitutional law and will understand the basic concepts of constitutional law; will be able to describe and explain the structure, organisation and functioning of political institutions relating to the supreme authority of the state; will be able to define the basic positive-law institutions and bodies of constitutional law; and will be able to identify the main constitutional institutions and their functioning, as well as the scope and limits of state authority in specific areas.		
Course Content <i>Theoretical instruction</i> 1. Introduction to the course; 2. Name, method and sources of constitutional law; 3. Concept, content and characteristics of the constitution; 4. Classifications of constitutions; 5. Adoption and amendment of the constitution; 6. General characteristics of the development of constitutionalism in the world; 7. Constitutions of Serbia; 8. State authority: considerations on the state, sovereignty, legitimacy and functions of state authority; 9. Systems of state authority, the principle of separation of powers, the principle of the rule of law; 10. Characteristics of the Republic of Serbia (external and internal), the system of separation of powers, the political system, principles of economic and social organisation; 11. The constitutional system of the Republic of Serbia; 12. The National Assembly, the President of the Republic, the Government, state administration, the Ombudsman, the Army, the judiciary; 13. Constitutional institutions; constitutionality and legality and the Constitutional Court; 14. Territorial organisation; 15. Human and civil rights and freedoms. <i>Practical instruction</i> Further clarification of some topics covered in lectures, with special emphasis on the interpretation of the adoption and amendment of the constitution, key institutions of constitutional law, etc. Discussion of selected topics with active student participation. Preparation for colloquia and the exam. Evaluation of teaching and analysis of its results. Exercises, analysis of court practice, case studies, seminar papers, discussion.		
Literature <i>Michel Rosenfeld and András Sajó,</i> <i>The Oxford handbook of comparative constitutional law, Oxford University Press, 2013.</i> <i>Schütze, Robert European constitutional law Schütze, Robert Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 2012.2.</i> Legal regulations: Constitution of the Republic of Serbia.		
Hours of active teaching:	Theoretical instruction: 90	Practical instruction: 45

Teaching Methods Lectures are held in a lecture hall with all students. Exercises are conducted in groups in classrooms: (1) as lecture-style exercises, where specific lecture topics are further developed and characteristics of the development of constitutionalism in the world are analysed; (2) as demonstration exercises, for presenting the external and internal characteristics of the Republic of Serbia; and (3) as discussion exercises, for discussing selected topics from the covered material.
Knowledge Assessment (maximum points: 100)

Pre-exam obligations	Points	Final exam	Points
Activity during lectures	20	Written exam	-
Colloquia	30	Oral exam	50
Practical instruction	-	-	-