

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-121 Constitutional Law I

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-121	Constitutional Law I	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Lower Division	English

Course Description

During the course the students will cover the following:

1. A general introduction in English Law and detailed study of English Constitutional Law.
2. Some comparative aspects of Constitutional Law.
3. Classification of the Constitutions culminating in the classification of the British Constitution and its legal and non-legal rules.
4. A general introduction in European Union Law with emphasis on the repercussions on the British Constitution and the problems that the U.K. faced with its accession.
5. The Doctrines of the Separation of Powers, of the Rule of Law and the Independence of the Judiciary.
6. The Electoral System of the U.K. with some general references to other electoral systems.
7. The House of Commons and the House of Lords – Their composition and the Legislative Process.
8. The Doctrine of the Sovereignty of Parliament.

The Executive – Prime Minister and Cabinet – Ministers' Powers and Ministerial Responsibility – Prerogative Powers, Human Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights, the Human Rights Act 1998 with particular reference to some Human Rights.

Instructor

Dr. Andreas Pandelides

Course Aims and Objectives

The course is designed to give the students a general introduction in English Law and a detailed study of English Constitutional Law and English Administrative Law as well as an introduction in the subject of Human Rights. The Students will familiarize themselves with the situation in the U.K. where there is no written constitution and the difference between an unwritten (U.K.) and a written (U.S.A.) constitution. At the end of the course the students will know the functioning of the different branches of the Government (legislature, executive and judiciary) as well as the main provisions of the European Convention on Human Rights and the English Human Rights Act.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, discussions, presentations, and problem-solving activities.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (30 hours of lectures, 12 hours of seminars/tutorials and student-led presentation/seminars). The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14 weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Assigned work:	10%
Active Participation:	15%
Interim tests:	25%
Final Exam:	50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

H Barnett, Constitutional and Administrative Law, 4th ed., Cavendish Publishing, 2002

Recommended Reading

A.W. Bradley and K.D. Ewing, Constitutional & Administrative Law, 11th ed.