

## ANNEX 2 – COURSE DESCRIPTION

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Constitutional Law</b>			
<b>Course code</b>	<b>LAWG-102</b>			
<b>Course type</b>	<b>Compulsory</b>			
<b>Level</b>	<b>Undergraduate</b>			
<b>Year / Semester</b>	1st / A			
<b>Teacher's name</b>	Petros Konstantinidis			
<b>ECTS</b>	6	<b>Lectures / week</b>	3 hours per week	<b>Laboratories / week</b>
<b>Course purpose and objectives</b>	<p>The aim of the course is for students to understand the theory of Constitutional law as well as the historical dimension of the constitutionalism movement.</p> <p>In the course will present and analyze the fundamental principles of constitutional law: separation of powers and institutional checks and balances, rule of law, drafting and amendment power, popular sovereignty, functionality and competence of state institutions.</p> <p>Also, the forms of organization of the State and states will be explained: unitary state, federal and confederate states, presidential and parliamentary systems and related models. Additionally, a comparative analysis will be conducted on the different types of Constitutions and on identifying their state and other distinctive features.</p> <p>Furthermore, there will be a presentation and explanation of the characteristics of the Greek Constitution in relation to its historical development. The relation of the Greek constitutional order with international law and EU law and the guarantees of compliance with the constitution (judicial review, right of resistance, state of emergency).</p> <p>There will be a detailed presentation, with reference to practical examples, of the basic functions of the Greek state and the direct institutions of the State (procedure to nominate the Government, President, electorate, Parliament, Courts).</p>			
<b>Learning outcomes</b>	Upon completion of the course, the student is expected to be able to:			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To know the basic theoretical elements and principles of constitutional law.</li> <li>• Developing the capacity to identify and analyze diverse constitutional theoretical perspectives through critical thinking skills.</li> <li>• Gaining comprehension of the fundamental structures and features of the Greek Constitution.</li> <li>• To be able to interpret the constitutional rules through critical analysis.</li> <li>• To understand the responsibilities and functioning of the executive, legislative and judicial powers.</li> <li>• To be able, based on the principles of constitutional law, to evaluate specific issues and problems arising from the application of constitutional rules.</li> <li>• To identify and comprehend the procedure for establishing the Government and electing the President.</li> <li>• To be able to explain the application of the separation of powers in the Greek constitutional legal order.</li> <li>• To understand the concept of political parties and their position in the Greek Constitution.</li> <li>• To recognize the guarantees of observance of the Constitution.</li> <li>• To be able to resolve practical issues of constitutional law.</li> </ul>		
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None	<b>Required</b>	None
<b>Course content</b>	<p>The course is structured in three sections: 1) the first concerns the general theory of constitutional law, fundamental principles, models of government and state organization systems, 2) the second focuses on the basic features of the Greek constitution, its structures and its history aspect 3) the third examines the basic functions of the direct institutions of the Constitution, such as the Government, the Ministers, the President, the electorate, the Parliament and the Courts.</p> <p>Section A.</p> <p>Main features of constitutional law.</p> <p>Constituent elements of the State, concept of the state and forms of state organization.</p> <p>The main functions of the Constitution.</p> <p>Writing and amendment of the constitution.</p>		

	<p>Examination of basic concepts of constitutional law such as rule of law, separation of powers, popular sovereignty, functionality, jurisdiction of state bodies and guarantees of compliance with the constitution.</p> <p>Section B</p> <p>The history of Greek constitutionalism.</p> <p>Sources of Greek Constitutional law.</p> <p>The concept of the hierarchy of sources of law and the increased formal power of the Constitution.</p> <p>The effect of European law on the Greek Constitution</p> <p>International Law and Greek legal order.</p> <p>Section C.</p> <p>Judicial review – methods and procedure.</p> <p>The Constitution amendment process – substantive and procedural limits.</p> <p>The Presiding Parliamentary Democracy.</p> <p>The democratic principle.</p> <p>Political parties and the Constitution.</p> <p>The separation of powers - legislative, executive and judicial power.</p> <p>Concept, distinctions and bodies of state institutions</p> <p>The electorate – the right to elect and be elected.</p> <p>The Parliament - qualifications, obstacles and irreconcilables - organization and functioning of the legislative body - the legislative process - dissolution of the Parliament.</p> <p>Appointment of a Government and exemption from its duties. The responsibilities of the Government – The ministerial signature and the responsibility of the ministers.</p> <p>The Institution of the President – his appointment, role and responsibilities.</p> <p>The Judiciary - the concept of judicial independence - the types of Courts.</p>
<p><b>Teaching methodology</b></p>	<p>Lectures with the help of slides and encouraging active participation and dialogue, assignments and presentations.</p> <p>Analysis of decisions of the Greek Courts and relevant courts of other jurisdictions.</p>

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<b>Assessment</b>	<p>Assignment 30%</p> <p>Participation 20%</p> <p>Final exam 50%</p>
<b>Language</b>	Greek