

ACADEMIC SUBJECT: Constitutional Law

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

COURSE OF STUDY: Political, Economic and Administrative Sciences (L-16)

General information	
Academic subject	Constitutional Law (A-Z)
Degree course	Political, Economic and Administrative Sciences (L-16)
Academic Year	2023/2024
European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)	6
Language	Italian
Academic calendar (starting and ending date)	September 2023 - December 2023
Attendance	Strongly recommended

Professor/ Lecturer	
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Tutoring (time and day)	<p>Professor Gusmai receives students on Thursdays, from 4 to 6 pm. It is also possible to have interviews with the professor remotely, using the "call" function of Microsoft Teams.</p> <p><u>Interested students are requested to contact the professor in advance by sending an e-mail or a message on Microsoft Teams, so as to agree the day and the hour for the meeting.</u></p> <p>Consult the web page: www.uniba.it/it/ricerca/dipartimenti/scienze-politiche/docenti</p>

Syllabus	
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Learning Objectives	The course aims to offer an advanced knowledge of the main constitutional issues, and it is meant to provide students with the necessary skills to understand the dynamic functioning of western matrix constitutional system.
Contents	<p>The course will focus on the study of the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The concept of democracy - Forms of democracy - The "microphysics" of power - Constituent power and constituted powers - Constitution and constitutionalism - Crisis of the constituent elements of the State - The problem of parliamentarism - The strengthening of the Executives in post-modernity - The dynamic of regulatory sources - Legal interpretation - Person, Dignity, Rights - Rights of freedom in the Republican Constitution - The so-called "New" rights - Constitutional duties - The guardian of the Constitution - The role of the Constitutional Court
Books and bibliography	G. ZAGREBELSKY – V. MARCENÒ – F. PALLANTE, <i>Lineamenti di Diritto costituzionale</i> , Mondadori, ultima edizione.
Additional materials	Students attending the course will be provided with additional teaching materials.

Work schedule			
Total	Lectures	Hands on (Laboratory, working groups, seminars, field trips)	Out-of-class study hours/ Self-study hours
Hours			
150	48	-----	102
ECTS			
6	6		
Teaching strategy			
Frontal teaching, with frequent use of the maieutic method.			
Expected learning outcomes			
Knowledge and understanding on:	Students will be able to understand the theoretical and applicative elements inherent to the Italian constitutional system, as well as to develop original ideas based on a systematic and critically aware understanding of the acquired knowledge.		
Applying knowledge and understanding on:	Attending students will use the knowledge of the theoretical and applicative elements inherent to the Italian constitutional system for the analysis of concrete cases submitted to their attention by the professor.		
Soft skills	<p><i>Autonomy of judgment</i></p> <p>Students will have to demonstrate the ability to investigate, on the basis of the acquired cognitive tools, the applicative results of the analyzed institutes and also to understand the legal and social phenomena of the Italian institutional system.</p> <p><i>Communicative skills</i></p> <p>Students will be required to have an articulated and organic presentation of the elements acquired, as well as a clear communication of personal reflections gained.</p> <p><i>Ability to learn autonomously</i></p>		

	Attending students will be encouraged to deal with the analysis of legal texts (judgments, regulatory acts, etc.) in order to concretely verify the skills acquired during the course and any gaps in basic preparation, to be filled promptly.
Assessment and feedback	
Methods of assessment	Oral examination. Students have to demonstrate that they have acquired a good knowledge of the topics, by answering no less than two questions.
Evaluation criteria	In order to pass the exam, the candidate is required to demonstrate that has acquired at least a sufficient "reasoned" knowledge of the course program. Therefore, the acquired logical-systematic and critical-argumentative skills will be included among the evaluation criteria.
Criteria for assessment and attribution of the final mark	The assessment of the learning level will take place with a final vote expressed out of thirty. Laude could be attributed by the professor to the students who have demonstrated an excellent level of knowledge.
Additional information	Examination board. President: Antonio GUSMAI Members: Andrea BONOMI, Stefania CAVALIERE, Giuseppe CHIARELLI, Giovanni LUCHENA, Maria Grazia NACCI, Anna Maria NICO, CECILIA PANNACCIULLI, Franco SICURO.