# Constitutional law

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to provide students with the knowledge of the fundamental institutions of constitutional law, with a specific focus on the source system and constitutional justice. At end of the course, students are expected to be able to a) understand and present, using the legal language, the political and institutional dynamics that govern the legislative processes; b) to organise the different types of sources in the system; c) compare the different sector regulations with the corresponding constitutional provisions.

***COURSE CONTENT***

– Introduction to law: positive law and jurisprudence.

– The relationship between state, Law, and sovereignty. Legal system and legal pluralism.

– The state as a juridical person: organs and institutions. The division of powers and functions in the public organization.

– Forms of state and forms of government.

– The organization of the state and autonomies in the republican Constitutions.

– The system of sources between the national and supranational system.

– Individual freedom, public and private power.

– The judiciary organization.

– Constitutional justice.

***READING LIST***

R. Bin-G. Pitruzzella., *Diritto costituzionale,* Giappichelli, Torino, last edition available.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Classroom lectures. The first part of the course is designed for the presentation and acquisition of the basic concepts of the subject. The second part, focussed on the system of sources and constitutional justice, includes cycles of practical exercises – concurrently with the lectures - on topics concerning the dogmatics of sources.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

The assessment will be carried out through an oral examination, during which the student has to demonstrate, in addition to the specific knowledge of the subject and its institutes, the general mastery of the legal terminology needed for the explanation of the acquired contents.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Given the fundamental introductory nature of the course to the study of positive law in general and public law in particular, there are no basic prerequisites for attending the course. However, students are expected to have a general disposition toward the analysis of political and institutional dynamics, and a basic knowledge of the evolution lines of the modern State.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG, or on the Faculty notice board.