# Principles of Public Law

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

The course is aimed at students with little or no knowledge of the subject and aims to guide students in making the language and principles of public law their own, to explore its main institutions and to acquire the basis of the jurists' own method, so that students can relate to public law in a rigorous and conscious way.

Students are expected to come to appreciate the relevance of public law, to understand public power as governed by public law, in a fundamentally correct way, to integrate knowledge of public law into their studies concerning power and to be able to face problems inherent to power, critically taking into account the constraints and possibilities that are linked to public law.

***COURSE CONTENTS***

Based on a study of citizenship and the various political communities, the course analyses the way in which citizens participate in collective decisions (institutions of direct and representative democracy), public organisation (exploring the theory of the division of powers) and the procedures and actions through which the political communities make decisions, with particular emphasis on the basic models (theory of process, theories of sources of law, theory of interpretation etc.). This is followed by an analysis of the conflict between community and individual interests.

***READING LIST***

Specific indications about the resding list and other useful materials will be communicated at lesson and through *Blackboard*.

Recommended reading for attending students.

E. Codini, *Cittadinanza, democrazia, diritti. Nove lezioni di diritto pubblico,* V&P, Milano, 2022.

Recommended reading for non-attending students

R. Bin-G. Petruzzella, *Diritto pubblico,* Giappichelli, Torino, latest ed.

***TEACHING METHOD***

In addition to lectures are planned exercises. It’s provided the use of *Blackboard*.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

There is an optional interim test in the form of multiple-choice questions on the first part of the course. The final test - depending on the case: final assessment or supplement test to the interim test – will be an oral test. For students who have obtained a passing mark in the interim test, the exam mark will take into account 50% of the evaluation of the interim test.

In both tests students will be assessed on their ability to understand the reality of power considered from the point of view of public law, by answering questions concerning the basic institutions as well as principles and their application.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

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.