



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
Constitutional Comparative Law	12971

Lecturer(s)	Department(s) where the course unit (module) is delivered
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
First, Second	Optional

Mode of delivery	Period when the course unit (module) is delivered	Language(s) of instruction
Face-to-face	Autumn	English

Requirements for students	
Prerequisites: -	Additional requirements (if any): -

Course (module) volume in credits	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
5	125	32	93

Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed

Students will get to know the basic theories of constitutionalism and constitutional law. Main constitutional values-principles will be discussed in the course in order to be able to compare different constitutions in the light of Western (European) constitutional tradition. European integration is to be included in the narrative of traditional (national) constitutionalism.

Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
To understand constitutionalism as part of common European legal heritage	Socratic inter-active method	Evaluation of participation in discussions and quality of presentations, including final paper
To get to know main constitutional paradigms	Presentations of students' PP and discussions	Evaluation of participation in discussions and quality of presentations, including final paper
To get to know main constitutional values-principles	Socratic inter-active method	Evaluation of participation in discussions and quality of presentations, including final paper
To be able to compare your own constitution in the light of common Western legal traditions and European integration	Presentations of students' PP and discussions	Evaluation of participation in discussions and quality of presentations, including final paper
To be able to use comparative method in constitutional interpretation	Socratic inter-active method	Evaluation of participation in discussions and quality of presentations, including final paper

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours	Self-study work: time and assignments
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	Lectures	Tutorials	Seminars	Exercises	Laboratory work	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. Introduction to concept of historic constitutionalism	4						4	9	PPP: describe your own concept of historic constitution.
2. Three paradigms of constitutionalism: philosophic constitutionalism, interpretive constitutionalism and value constitutionalism	4						4	12	PPP: what concepts of Constitution are prevailing and what methods of interpretation of Constitution are mostly used by your Constitutional court?
3. Three main sovereign constitutional values: rule of law, democracy and human rights	4						4	12	PPP: three main constitutional values reflected in your constitution
4. Four main sovereign powers (law, state, people and human being) under Western legal tradition	4						4	12	PPP: how sovereign powers are reflected into your own constitution?
5. Other autonomous authorities (entities): local government (municipality), university and church or religious community	4						4	12	PPP: how these autonomous authorities (entities) are reflected in your Constitution?
6. Head of state: representative of state and executive	4						4	12	PPP: double constitutional status and impeachment of head of state as reflected in your C-ion.
7. Constitutional Courts in Europe	4						4	12	PPP: describe double status of Constitutional Court in your Constitution
8. European integration in the light of constitutional values	4						4	12	PPP: European integration as reflected in your Constitution in the light of three constitutional values
Total	32						32	93	Final paper

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
Vaidotas A. Vaičaitis	2007	VAIČAITIS, V. The Republic of Lithuania. In: Constitutional law of the EU Member States. Eds. Besselink, L., et al.	Deventer: Kluwer, 2014, p. 1027-1083.	http://www.tf.vu.lt/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/V_Vaiçaitis_Constitutional_law_of_EU_member_states_Kluwer_2014.pdf
Vaidotas A. Vaičaitis	2016	History of Lithuanian constitutionalism (English summary). P. 265-276.	Vilniaus Universitetas.	http://www.tf.vu.lt/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/V.-Vaiçaitis-et-al.-Lietuvos-konstitucionalizmo-istorija.pdf
Optional reading				
1992 Lithuanian Constitution				http://www3.lrs.lt/home/Konstit

				ucija/Constitution.htm
VAIČAITIS, V.	2012	Konstitutionelle Verfasstheit der baltischen Staaten. Iš: Die politischen Systeme der baltischen Staaten. Eine Einführung	Hrsg. Knodt, M.; Urdze, S. Heidelberg: Springer VS, 2012, p. 155-172.	http://www.tf.vu.lt/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/V.-Vaičaitis.-Die-politischen-Systeme-der-baltischen-Staaten.pdf
VAIČAITIS, V. A.	2005	Impeachment of the President of the Lithuanian Republic: The Procedure and its Peculiarities	The Uppsala Yearbook of East European Law 2004. Ed. Hobér, K. London: Wildy, Simmonds & Hill Publishing, 2005, p. 248-282.	http://www.tf.vu.lt/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/V.Vaičaitis.-Impeachment-of-the-President-of-the-Lithuanian-Republic-The-Procedure-and-its-Peculiarities.pdf
VAIČAITIS V. A.	2017	Status konstytucyjny prezydentów Litwy i Polski. Iš: Instytucja prezydenta w polskim i litewskim prawie konstytucyjnym. p. 195-208.	Pod. red. Górecki, Dariusz. Łódź: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego.	http://www.tf.vu.lt/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/V.-A.-Vaičaitis.-Status-konstytucyjny-prezydentew-Litwy-i-Polski.pdf