

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

(3rd Semester, compulsory, 3 credits, 5 ECTS)

SYLLABUS (RENEWED)

The aim of the course:

Constitutional law deals with the general principles of constitutional theory. Issues related to constitutional law will be held comparatively.

Teaching method:

The course will be lectured as online learning due to Covid-19, which is a significant epidemic in the world. The lessons will be held live at the time specified in the weekly schedule, using the **BigBuleButton** application on ue.hitit.edu.tr. At the same time, students will have the opportunity to access the uploaded videos and course materials later.

Course materials can be accessed at hubis.hitit.edu.tr, on the Distance Education tab.

Online- live course: 09.00 – 10.00 am on Monday

Quantification and evaluation:

There will be one midterm and one final exam for the term.

The midterm exam will be 20% effective on the course grade, and the final exam will be 40% effective.

Exams will be held online within the distance education module. Students will be expected to answer multiple-choice questions posed to them.

The remaining 40 points will be awarded from three activities that students are expected to do during the semester.

Two of these three activities will be article summarization, and one of them will be the definition of a concept.

The two articles to be summarized are common to all students. However, each student will explain the concept of constitutional law determined for him by making a one-page definition with examples. Article summaries will have an impact worth 15 points each, concept definition has 10 points.

How should the article be summarized?

The summary of each article is expected to be around five pages. What is the topic covered in the article? Which concepts stand out? Who are those who think parallel to the author's opinion and who is against them? Please evaluate the article by blending the last half-page with the information you have learned so far. Please do it entirely yourself and upload to the system before the deadline. Send a photo of your activities such as marking, making a dictionary, taking notes to show that you have read the article to ogrenci@veyseldinler.com.

How is a concept defined?

Explain the concept that will be given to you in a list. What does it mean? When did it occur? How has it evolved in the historical process? What is its situation today? What are the essential elements of this concept? How does it differ from the different concepts similar to it? Such issues should be included.

Course outcomes:

The student taking the course;

1. To have a command of the concepts and terms of daily political life,
 2. Approaching political events from a legal perspective,
 3. To be able to analyze the legal mechanisms in the functioning of the political system,
 4. To comprehend the basic concepts, institutions and principles of Constitutional Law,
 5. To know the primary institutions of Turkish Constitutional Law
- are expected.

Course content:

Political power, sovereignty, the state, the elements and forms of the state, the concept of the constitution, the constitutional state, constituent power, the interpretation of the constitution, the constitutional judgment, systems of government, democracy, fundamental rights and freedoms, political parties and electoral systems, the primary organs of the state and the rule of law. General principles of the 1982 constitution.

Text book:

Saygın Engin, *Constitutional Law in a Nutshell*, Adalet Publishing, Ankara, 2020.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

Exams

	Date	Hours
Midterm exam	November 23, 2020	09.00-10.00
Final Exam	to be announced	
Make-up exam	to be announced	



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Appointments

Title	Deadline	Hours
Constitutions and democratic transitions	November 30, 2020	08.00 am
Rule of Law in European Union External Action: Guiding Principles, Practices and Lessons Learned	December 14, 2020	08.00 am
Definition of a concept	December 28, 2020	08.00 am

Projected Workload:

Activities	Number of	Duration (hours)	Total Workload	Impact (%)
Theoretical Course	14	3	42	0
Article Summary	2	12	24	30
Concept Definition	1	10	10	10
Midterm exam	1	16	16	20
Final Exam	1	33	33	40
Total Workload (Hours)			125	100
<i>Total Workload/25 ECTS of the course</i>			5	

Weekly Schedule:

Date	Issue
5 th October 2020	Political power, sovereignty, state and legal order
12 th October 2020	Constitution types, constitutional state
19 th October 2020	Constituent power: Making and amending constitutions
26 th October 2020	Interpretation of the Constitution and Constitutional review
2 nd November 2020	The State
10 th November 2020	Separation of powers
17 th November 2020	Government Systems
24 th November 2020	Fundamental rights and freedoms
1 st December 2020	Democracy
8 th December 2020	Elections and electoral systems
15 th December 2020	Political parties
22 nd December 2020	Ottoman-Turkish constitutional developments
29 th December 2020	Basic principles of the Turkish constitution
4 th January 2020	An overview of the Turkish constitutional order

Good luck!

