

COURSE GUIDE

2025/26

Faculty323 - Faculty of Social and Communication Sciences

Cycle.

DegreeGPOLIT31 - Bachelor's Degree in Political Science & Public-Sector ManagemYearFirst year

COURSE

25037 - Constitution & Globalisation

Credits, ECTS:6

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The subject "Constitution and Globalization" is one of the basic subjects of the 1st year of the Degree in Political Science and Public Management and of the Degree in Sociology. It is one of the subjects of the first year through which the student will approach the economic processes, historical contexts and mechanisms of collective action that help to contextualize, analyze, understand and explain in an adequate, coherent and scientific way the social and political phenomena of nowadays world. The primary objective of these subjects is to update the knowledge that students who join this degree bring from previous studies and, on the other hand, is aimed at providing students with the basic skills necessary to enable them to manage in the field of political science and sociology.

In particular, the course Constitution and Globalization tries to analyze the impact that the processes of the so-called globalization have had on the models of political and legal organization of our contemporary Western societies; societies articulated around constitutionalism and nation states. To this end, we will adopt an approach to constitutionalism as a phenomenon characteristic of the mainly Western societies of Modernity and the contemporary challenges that the new global political and economic reality poses in its configuration. Given its basic and introductory nature, it should serve as a support both for subjects that require simple legal knowledge and for those that require a more complex political and legal basis. The course aims to provide students with a minimum conceptual background for the understanding of the different legal-constitutional phenomena.

COMPETENCIES/LEARNING RESULTS FOR THE SUBJECT

- Competences:
- 1.Analyze and interpret the fundamental legal categories that support the social and political organization of coexistence.
 2. To analyze the teleological sense of the emergence of constitutionalism and its historical evolution around the State.
 3. To analyze the features and axes in which the contemporary processes of globalization and transnationalization are developed.
 4. To analyze and evaluate the function of law in global societies.
 5. To analyze and interpret the overcoming tendencies of state organization, the viability of cosmopolitan constructions and the forms adapted by law in globalized society, as well as the scope and content of what is known as global constitutionalism.
- Learning Outcomes:
1. Understand and interpret the fundamental legal categories.
 2. Describe and indicate the teleological foundations of constitutionalism and its historical evolution in relation to the State.
 3. Point out the fundamental features of globalization.
 4. Describe the fundamental functions of law in global societies.
 5. To indicate the fundamental legal features of current cosmopolitanism and global constitutionalism.

Theoretical and Practical Contents

The purpose is to study the evolution of Law from the formation of the liberal state to globalization. It begins with a general approach to law, continuing with the legal structure of the state and its evolution through the different forms of state, to end with the new perspectives of law and constitutionalism in globalization, contemporary perspectives and eventual future scenarios in Europe, in the West and in the world.

TEACHING METHODS

The methodology to be followed in the course will combine the lecture modality based on the teacher's expositions, with the realization of group work and individual work activities.

TYPES OF TEACHING

Types of teaching	M	S	GA	GL	GO	GCL	TA	TI	GCA
Hours of face-to-face teaching	53		7						
Horas de Actividad No Presencial del Alumno/a	79,5		10,5						

Legend: M: Lecture-basedS: SeminarGA: Applied classroom-based groupsGL: Applied laboratory-based groupsGO: Applied computer-based groupsGCL: Applied clinical-based groupsTA: WorkshopTI: Industrial workshopGCA: Applied fieldwork groups



Evaluation methods

- Continuous evaluation
- End-of-course evaluation

Evaluation tools and percentages of final mark

- Written test, open questions 30%
- Multiple choice test 40%
- Teamwork assignments (problem solving, Project design) 20%
- Oral presentation of assigned tasks, Reading 10%

ORDINARY EXAMINATION PERIOD: GUIDELINES AND OPTING OUT

Ordinary exams: orientations and withdrawals

The evaluation of this subject will be mixed and will consist of:

1. In case of continuous evaluation:

A. Throughout the course: 60% of the grade of the subject. It will be qualified through:

- Submission of classroom assignments in groups: 30% of the grade for the course.
- An individual written test to be taken at the end of the course, which will consist of two short development questions in relation to a text: 30%.

B. Final individual test: 30% of the grade of the course.

- It will consist of a test with theoretical questions on the subject.

2. In case of not opting for continuous evaluation.

Final exam consisting of a test, two theoretical development questions and a text commentary.

In all cases, the final assesment will be based on an adequate identification by the students of the main theoretical concepts of the subject and their critical and reasoning capacity for the use and application of these concepts to the political and legal reality.

By default, students will be considered to opt for the continuous evaluation. To waive the continuous evaluation system, students must submit in writing to the professor responsible for the subject the waiver of the continuous evaluation system, for which they will have a period of 9 weeks since the beginning of the course.

In case of pursuing continuous evaluation, students may submit their waiver to the regular exams by writing to the professor no less than 30 days before the start date of the official exam period. The waiver will result in the grade of not presented. In the case of a final evaluation, failure to take the test set on the official exam date will result in the automatic waiver of the corresponding exam.

EXTRAORDINARY EXAMINATION PERIOD: GUIDELINES AND OPTING OUT

Final exam consisting of a test, two theoretical development questions and a text commentary.

MANDATORY MATERIALS

The materials and presentations that will be provided to the students through Egela.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Basic bibliography

FERRAJOLI, Luigi. Constitucionalismo más allá del Estado. Madrid: Editorial Trotta, 2018.

Detailed bibliography

FERRAJOLI, Luigi. Constitucionalismo más allá del Estado. Madrid: Editorial Trotta, 2018.

Journals

Web sites of interest

OBSERVATIONS