Constitutional organization of government

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Department assigned to the subject: Public State Law Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 2 Semester : 1

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Constitution and Sources of law system

OBJECTIVES

The contents of this course are a cluster of subjects encompassed into the Constitutional Law, by means of which the students are expected to reach a reasonable knowledge of the fundamental State Constitutional Organization regulations.
1. To learn the significance of the democratic principle as a basis of the Constitutional Organization and the various instruments which allow the participation in the public affairs
2. To learn the position of the diverse State Central Institutions and the map of the connections among them (Crown, Cortes Generales or Parliament and the Judicial Power)
3. To learn the rules of composition and the peculiarities of the statute of the members of the State Central Institutions.
4. To learn the diverse regulations that governs the organization and functioning of the State Central Institutions.
5. To learn the State Central Institutions functions.
6. To learn the basis of the territorial organization of the State, giving special attention to the Autonomous Communities: organization, competencies distribution, relations with the State...

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. The democratic principle as a basis for the Constitutional organization of government. The democratic legitimation process: the elections legal framework; the political parties; the direct democracy institutions.
2. The State powers. The Crown. The Parliament: characteristics, structure and composition; internal organization and functioning; members of the Parliament statute; functions. The Government: composition, formation and functions. The Judicial Power: organization, structure and functioning; judges and magistrates statute; Judiciary government.
3. The State territorial organization. The autonomy of nacionalities and regions: the Autonomous Communities; competencies distribution; internal organization; relations between the State and the Autonomous Communities. Local autonomy.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Lectures developping the matter program will be given to the big groups.
Other type of acitivities will be carried out in small groups, such as solving practical cases, students' presentations, working papers dicussion, debates or presentation of working projects of initiation to the research, without excluding the execution of periodic controls on the contents developped along the term.
The objective of this set of working methods is the development of the students' capacities and competencies stablished as a goal for this degree.

Due to the uncertainty about the teaching format to which the health circumstances will take us during the next academic year, it is expected to start in the blended modality, and may lead to 100% face-to-face or 100% on-line teaching depending on the spread or the control over the pandemic and the hygiene-sanitary measures adopted by the Authorities.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

1. Ordinary call.
The students' evaluation will take into account the activities carried out and the result of the tests undergone in the small groups along the term (40% of the final grade) as well as a comprehensive

exam to be passed at the end of the term (60% of the final grade).

In order to pass the subject, a mínimum grade (2.5 out of 6) in the final exam shall be required.

2. Extraordinary call.
The student will opt between the rating system of the ordinary call and the 100% of the final grade

% end-of-term-examination:	60
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals…):	40

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