



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

### **Constitutional Law**

1920-1-E1401A005

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#### **Learning objectives**

This course aims at giving the students a first approach to the Italian Constitution and the basic constitutional principle.

#### **Contents**

The knowledge of Constitutional Law is essential to understand the foundations of the Italian Law and it is the introduction to the juridical subjects.

Constitutional law is focused on the Italian Constitution of 1948, its text, its legal developments and the case-law of the Constitutional court enforcing its provisions.

The Italian Constitution will be studied in a historical context, starting with the origin of the modern state, up to the contemporary constitutional legal systems of the second part of the XX century. Attention will be paid

to other legal systems, inside and outside Europe, in order to provide a comparative prospective, as well as the fundamental rights.

#### **Detailed program**

1. The State.
2. Historical developments of the modern States and Constitutions
3. The contemporary State and the sovereignty
4. The Italian constitution and the international law
5. The Italian constitution and the European Union
6. The Sources of law
7. Statal and Regional Sources of law
8. The Italian Constitution: from Fascism to the Constituent Assembly; the implementation; contents and fundamental principles. The constitutional revision procedure.
9. The political system and its evolution
10. The Electoral Systems and political parties. Deliberative democracy and referendum
11. The Government
12. The Head of State
13. The Parliament
14. The Constitutional Court
15. The Judiciary
16. Fundamental rights
17. The Economic Constitution
18. The Italian way to the regionalism: political system and legislative power

## **Prerequisites**

None

## **Teaching methods**

Lectures

## **Assessment methods**

Oral exam.

The students who regularly attend to the lessons will be given the opportunity of a “mid course” exam, in order to split the program into two parts. The first exam will be a written one, whereas the second will

be only oral.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

For the comprehension of Constitutional Law it is essential to study the text of the Italian Constitution. The main issues are discussed in many textbooks. Therefore, the study shall be made with any up-to-date book.

For the academic year 2017-2018 the recommended books are the follows:

1. A. BARBERA - C. FUSARO, Corso di diritto pubblico, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2018
  2. T. GROPPI - A. SIMONCINI, Introduzione allo studio del diritto pubblico e delle sue fonti, Giappichelli, Torino, 2017
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