



Module Syllabus

Module Title:	Political systems and constitutional law	Module No: 420151
Pre-requisite:	Constitutional law	
Module level: First Year	Module Type: department requirement	
Credit Hours: 3 Credit Hours	Lecture Time	Daytime Study Evening Study
Programme of Study: Daytime & Evening Study		

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Module Description

This course treats the nature of constitutions and constitutional law by means of elucidating the nature of constitutional law and its relation to the other branches of law, and an expounding of the proofs of constitutional legal provisions, and also includes an explanation of the meaning of a constitution, types of constitutions, and also addresses the origins and termination, and the means for safeguarding their prevalence (sovereignty) . This is through studying monitoring and its applications, whether political or judicial, . Moreover, the course includes a study of the state, in particular, its concept and constituent elements, and also its legal attributes and its types, and also a study of political systems, and an elucidation of their various constitutional and political foundations, and an expounding of the concept of the democratic government alongside its various forms. Furthermore, an elucidation of types of political regimes existing in our contemporary world. The conclusion of the course addresses the position of the Islamic Legislator, particularly insofar as constitutional matters, and familiarizing the student with constitutional law, and the sources of the constitutional precept and principle.

Module Aims: This module aims at the following

1. provide students with the principles and basic concepts and its different types and constitutional codes and its characteristics and historical development
2. develop students cognitive and scientific skills in the political and constitutional systems
3. develop students skills in writing legal research papers both theoretic as well as practical through the use of sources of knowledge and learning
4. enable students to enhance and develop their written and oral skills as well as encourage them to work effectively on both an individual as well as a team work basis

Learning Outcomes (*Knowledge & understanding, intellectual skills, practical skills & transferable skills*)**At the end of this module, a student will be able to:**

A/1 express the principles and basic concepts of the political system of countries, particularly that pertaining to the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan, in addition to illustrating the formation of the three authorities in the country, functions and its intra-relations

A/4 become aware of the topics related to the political system, especially those pertaining to social and economic aspects along with other topics which exceeds the legal border, in addition to illustrating basic freedoms guaranteed by the constitution in addition to ways to protect

Practical Training (Depends on module Practice

Discussion of selected texts from the Jordanian Constitution and inferring rules
an outside lecturer or guest speaker
Field visit
Research paper

Teaching Methods

Methods	Number of Lectures	Scores' distribution
Lectures	38	80%
Multipurpose room and field visits	---	---
Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions	10	10%
Quizzes and Assignments	---	----
Paper research & Essays (maximum of 3000 words)	---	10%
Total	48	100%

Modes of Assessment

Modes		Score	Date
Exams	First exam (written)	15%	
	Second exam (written)	15%	
	Final exam (written)	50%	
Multipurpose room and field visits			
How much is the student involved in seminars, tutorials and discussions		10%	
Quizzes and assignments		---	
Paper research essays		10%	
Total		100%	

Module Outline

This module consists of (48) hours allocated into (16) weeks, (3) hours a week, divided as follows:

Week	Subject	Notes
1st	Defining the Jordanian constitution in relation to other branches of Law	
2nd	Defining the sources of the constitutional basis	
3rd	Types of written, oral, ready and compound constitutions	
4th	The principles of constitution prominence and supervision of the constitutionality of the Laws	
5th	The methods of the establishment and termination of constitutions	
6th	Defining state and illustrating its basis	
7th	Defining the root of supremacy	
8th	The origins for establishing a state	
9th	Types of states	
10th	Functions of states	
11th	State public authorities and intra-relations	
12th	Defining government and its different forms	
13th	Democracy	
14th	The ascription of power in democratic regimes	
15th	Illustrating examples of modern democratic regimes along with a glimpse of parties and its impact on the political systems	
16th	The United Kingdom, the United States, France	

Reading List

A- Recommended Text Book

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
Al-waseet in political regimes and constitutional law	Dr. Numan A. alkhatib		Al-thaqafa publishers/Huss eini Mosque yard	Amman,1999

B -Additional Reference *(Student will be expected to give the same attention to these references as given to the textbook)*

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
Constitutional law and the Jordanian constitutional system	Dr. Adel Al-Hiyari		Ghanim Abdu Press	Amman, 1972
Political systems (state and government)	Dr. Muhammad K. Lailah		Egypt's emergence Press	Fajalah/Egypt, 1967
Constitutional law and political system	Dr. Ahmad Sirhan		Al-Hadatha Press	Beirut, 1980

C -Legal Journals & Magazines

Dirasaat Journal/ Jordan University
Law Society Journal
Jordanian constitution texts

D -Useful Websites

www.uchastings.edu/clq/index.htm
www.direitopublico.com.br
www.law.upenn.edu/conlaw

Attendance Policy (See Article 8 of the University regulation Guideline)

Attendance will be taken by the instructor at the beginning of each class. **On-time** and **regular** attendance is necessary for you to successfully achieve a good mark. Habitual tardiness is considered to be rude and disruptive behavior. An absence is recorded for any reason the student fails to attend class. However, an accumulation of 15% absentia of the total module's hours result in that student will be withdrawn from the module by the module's instructor.

Module policy requests

The instructor is the last person to enter the lecture room and the first to leave, therefore, students will not be permitted to attend the class once the lecture has started.

Cellular phones or beepers must be turned off or put on silent during the lecture. If for any reason a student receives a call in the lecture, he/she should leave the classroom out of courtesy for fellow students. However, students should keep in mind that he/she will not be allowed into the classroom

Expected Workload

On average, the student is expected to spend at least () hours per week of self-studying for this module. The student will be expected to spend 1 hour for reading the lecture's topic before the lecture's due time and half an hour for revision of the lecture.

From time to time, I will give you a quiz which will be counted towards the total average of the module, and the aim of these quizzes is to see how prepared you are for a given lecture.

My role is to help you to understand the module's material, so please don't hesitate to ask if you are unclear about anything.

Important Dates & Holidays

DATE	SUBJECT	NOTE
Oct 4	The start of Ramadan	Ramadan is holiday for Evening Study students
Nov 3-5	Festival of Eid al-Fitr	Public Holiday
Nov 14	Commemoration of the late King Hussein's birthday	Public Holiday
Dec 25	Christmas Holiday	Public Holiday
Jan 1	New Year	Public Holiday
Jan 9-12	Festival of Eid Al-Adha	Public Holiday
Jan 30	Birthday of HM King Abdullah II	Public Holiday
Jan 31	Islamic New Year (Hijra New year)	Public Holiday

Good Luck!!