



Module Syllabus

Module Title:	The Jordanian Constitution	Module No: 420252		
Pre-requisite:	Political Systems and Constitutional Law	Co-requisite:		
Module level: Second year		Module Type: specialization requirement		
Credit Hours: 3 Credit Hours	Lecture Time	Daytime Study	Evening Study	
Programme of Study: Daytime & Evening Study				

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Office Hours	Special Educational Guidance	Tutorial Guidance	Research

Module Description:

This course is an extension of the political systems and constitutional law module with a focus on the study of the constitutional system in Jordan since the establishment of the Jordanian emirate until this time, and an evaluation of the constitutions of 1928, 1947 and 1952. The course deals with the constitutional paradigm in Jordan particularly insofar as expounding the development- coupled with an evaluation- of the Jordanian political system including the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government, their constituents, competences and their method of work.

Module Aims: this module aim to:

1. provide students with the advanced knowledge in the Jordanian Constitutional Law, its origins along with constitutional history of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan since its establishment up until now
2. develop students cognitive and practical skills in understanding the political system of Jordan, its traits and the relationship between authorities, not to mention the basic general liberties
3. develop students skills in writing and preparing articles, reports and research papers on topics relevant to the Jordanian Constitutional Law

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

A/1 understand the basic principles and concepts for the political and constitutional system in Jordan

A/2 display advanced as well as specialized knowledge in all the topics relevant to the Constitutional Law and authorities mentioned in the constitution

A/4 become abreast with the topics relevant to the constitutional law including historical and social topics amongst other topics

A/5 become abreast with the various institutions and quarters that are linked to the constitutional law including the Parliament, in addition to the formation of governments, the manner in which these governments are formed, the extent of authority and specializations

B/2 diagnose and analyze material facts and legal behavior in the field of constitutional law; all which is to be placed in to their legal classifications

B/3 Analyze, interpret and evaluate the legislative texts and administrative and international decisions, judicial interpretations, jurisprudential opinions related to the Constitutional Law

B/6 develop a critical mental faculty concerning constitutional law topics and showing an ability to offer and introduce logical solution from amongst several alternatives

C/3 prepare legal research papers on Constitutional Law in accordance with a practical methodology and a well developed scheme

D/5 deal with issues related to political constitutional systems and both; local and international institutions directly linked to this field

Practical Training (Depends on module Practice

General discussions of the Jordanian Constitution Texts
an outside lecturer
Field visit
Research paper

Teaching Methods

Methods	Number of Lectures	Scores' distribution
Lectures	44	90%
Multipurpose room and field visits	1	--
Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions	3	5%
Quizzes and Assignments	---	---
Paper research & Essays (maximum of 3000 words)	---	55
Total	48	100%

Modes of Assessment

Modes		Score	Date
Exams	First exam (written)	20%	
	Second exam (written)	20%	
	Final exam (written)	50%	
Multipurpose room and field visits			
How much is the student involved in seminars, tutorials and discussions		5%	
Quizzes and assignments		--	
Paper research essays		5%	
Total		100%	

Module Outline

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

Week	Subject	Notes
1 st	The constitutional status for the Eastern Jordan region under the Turkish Regime	
2 nd	Eastern Jordan under the Syrian Monarchy and British Occupation	
3 rd	The Advent of Prince Abdullah to Eastern Jordan	
4 th	The establishment of Eastern Jordan Emirate	
5 th	The British-Jordan Treaty 1928	
6 th	The first Jordanian Constitution 1928	
7 th	Jordan's Independence 1946	
8 th	The Jordanian Constitution 1947	
9 th	The union of the two Banks	
10 th	The current Jordanian constitution 1952	
11 th	The rights to Sovereignty and executive power	

12 th	Legislation	
13 th	Judicial Power	
14 th	Constitutional regulation of the public liberties	
15 th	The Traits of the Jordanian Constitutional System	
16 th	Discussions	

Reading List

A- Recommended Text Book

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
The principles of constitutional law and constitutional system	Dr. Faisal Shantawi		Al-Hamid Publishers	Amman, 2002

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
The constitutional Law	Adel AlHiyari		Ghanim Eidah Press	Amman, 1972
Political Systems	Muhammad Kamil			Egypt, 1967
Constitutional Law and Political Systems	Ahmad Sirhan			Beirut, 1999
Al-Waseet in Political Systems and Constitutional Law	Numan alKhatib		Althaqafah Publishers	1999

C -Legal Journals & Magazines

Studies magazine- Jordan University

D -Useful Websites

www.uchastings.edu/c19/index
www.direttopublico.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 (3) 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!!