



Direzione Ricerca,
Innovazione e
Internazionalizzazione

**UNIVERSITÀ
DI TORINO**

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Visiting Professor Program Academic Year 2025/2026

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 18 hours

COURSE TITLE

Principles of Constitutional Law

TEACHING PERIOD

II semester

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Constitutional Law

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

The course unit provides a basic understanding of the foundations of constitutional law in national, comparative, supranational and international perspective. The course unit starts with the presentation of the concept of constitution in the Western legal, political and philosophical tradition. In doing so, it addresses its main features, like division of powers, forms of government, federalism, fundamental rights, electoral systems, and constitutional adjudication. In a second step it expands the analysis to non-Western constitutional patterns, such as Islamic constitutions and one-party constitutions. Thereby, it explores particularities, main elements and conflicts that might arise in constitutional law from a comparative perspective. Finally, it focuses on the most advanced frontier of constitutional law, namely on the development of constitutionalism beyond the borders of the nation state. In particular, it concentrates on the question as to whether the establishment of new continental or even global forms of legal and institutional integration is destined to change the traditional concept of constitution.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After attending this course unit, the students are expected:

- to have a good knowledge of the main contents of the course unit;
- to have developed a keen awareness of the existence of different constitutional traditions and of their most specific characteristics;
- to have a sufficient understanding of the most advanced frontiers of constitutionalism, also within the post-national constellation;
- to be able to compare different constitutional texts, traditions and systems, taking into special account how they develop specific issues, concepts, principles and standards.

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDE THE COURSE

The Visiting Professor shall deliver lectures and hold seminars on her/his main research topics to LLM and PHD students to enhance their research skills.

The Visiting Professor shall have the opportunity to present her or his research work to the Faculty

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The candidate shall have a well-established research experience in the field of public law, in general, and of constitutional law in particular. Her/his expertise should comprise comparative aspects of constitutional law as well as its transnational dimension. Applications by candidates who have already taught to international classes are strongly encouraged. Particular consideration will be given to candidates who have international research experience. The Visiting Professor shall be willing to teach the subject in a collaborative way, jointly with the Professor of the University of Torino who regularly holds the course.

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