

COURSE DESCRIPTION

University: Comenius University in Bratislava	
Faculty: Faculty of Law	
Course ID: PraF.KPDPK/ENm17-3104/17	Course title: History of Public Law
Educational activities: Type of activities: lecture / seminar Number of hours: per week: 1 / 2 per level/semester: 14 / 28 Form of the course: on-site learning	
Number of credits: 2	
Recommended semester: 1.	
Educational level: II.	
Prerequisites:	
Course requirements: Continuous evaluation during the semester will account for 20% of the final grade and final oral examination will account for 80% of the final grade. Continuous evaluation: 20 % will be awarded to students based on their preparation for particular seminars and will also take into account active participation during seminars, solution of assigned case studies and preparation of assigned legal analysis. Final evaluation: 80% will be awarded based on successful completion of oral exam that will consist of solving a moot case and oral discussion on the factual and legal issues raised by the case. Classification scale: A / 1 = 91 - 100%; B / 1.5 = 81-90%; C / 2 = 73-80%; D / 2.5 = 66-72%; E / 3 = 61-65%; FX = 0-60%. During the exam, students can use all available sources of legal information, mainly legislation, commentaries, case-law, legal treatises, and legal information systems.	
Learning outcomes: The objective of the course is to introduce the students to the historical development of public law in major European jurisdictions. The course will focus on the constitutional, administrative and criminal law of ancient Oriental states and that of Greek states and Rome during Antiquity, feudal states, early modern and modern states. The students will gain acquaintance with the general patterns of historical development of state and law after the collapse of the Roman Empire in the West leading to the creation of feudal states which were replaced by the absolutist bureaucratic states. At the same time parliamentary form of government was firmly established in other states, most notably Great Britain, leading to various models of government that persisted in Europe up until the First World War. Special attention will be given to the interwar and totalitarian development in Europe as well as to the emergence and development of concepts of human rights.	
Class syllabus: 1. Introduction to History of Public Law – Basic Concepts, Periods and Terminology 2. Constitutional and Administrative Law of Early Oriental Despocies 3. Constitutional and Administrative Law of Ancient Greek States 4. Development of Constitutional and Administrative Law of Ancient Rome 5. Criminal Law of Ancient States 6. Constitutional and Administrative Law of Medieval Feudal States 7. Criminal Law of Feudal and Early Modern States 8. Constitutional and Administrative Law of Early Modern Europe (Emergence of Absolutist State)	

9. Origins and Emergence of Parliamentary Form of Government
10. Origin and Concept of Fundamental and Human Rights 11. Forms of Government in Western Europe in the 19th and 20th Century 12. Forms of Government in Central and Eastern Europe in the 19th and 20th Century 13. Totalitarian Forms of Government 14. Repetition and Final Examination

Recommended literature:

ROBINSON, O.F. - FERGUS, T.D.- GORDON, W.H.: European Legal History: Sources and Institutions. London Butterworth, 2000.

BAKER, J.H.: An Introduction to English Legal History. London: Butterworths, 2002. ISBN 0406930538.

Languages necessary to complete the course:

English

Notes:

Past grade distribution

Total number of evaluated students: 3

A	ABS	B	C	D	E	FX
0,0	0,0	66,67	33,33	0,0	0,0	0,0

Lecturers: doc. Mgr. Miroslav Lysý, PhD., Mgr. Ján Sombati, PhD.

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Approved by: