

COURSE DETAIL

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University

Program(s)

Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Legal Studies

UCEAP Course Number

103

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

UCEAP Transcript Title

COMP CONSTUTNL LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course offers an introduction to the study of comparative constitutional law. The course focuses on the central issues of constitutional law across five jurisdictions – the United States, Germany, the United Kingdom, France, and the Netherlands. This guarantees an insight into both common law and civil law systems, federal and unitary states, and parliamentary and presidential systems. The course follows the logic of the principle of separation of powers and examines in particular the roles and functions of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government in these systems. This approach permits one to understand the differences and similarities between national systems, evaluate their characteristics and appraise the impact thereof on the operation of the legal systems concerned. The topics covered in this course revolve around the following themes: introduction to comparative constitutional law and method; key constitutional features, systems of government and the notion of sovereignty; federalism, unitarism, and decentralization; legislative branch, parliaments, election systems, and lawmaking; executive branch, governments and heads of state, and their relationships to parliaments; judicial branch, courts and judicial review; human rights protection EU and ECHR law in national legal orders (UK, France, Germany, NL).

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

RGBUSB009

Host Institution Course Title

COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Host Institution Campus

Law, Economics and Governance

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Law

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