



## Syllabus

Academic Year	2025/2026
Program	Global Law
Course	Comparative Public Law
Term	I semester
Year	2
SSD	IUS/21
Credits	8

### INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

The course aims to provide students with the main instruments for the analysis of the evolution of contemporary constitutionalism on a global scale through a comparative legal method. They will learn how to manage traditional concepts – like constitutionalism, forms of state, forms of government – and new legal concepts – like legal transplants and borrowing, rule of law backsliding and democratic decay, European and international constitutionalism – featuring the study of comparative public law.

### INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

They describe what a learner is expected to know, understand and be able to demonstrate after completion of a learning path.

**Knowledge and understanding:** Students, through the study and comparison of public law of several legal systems, will acquire a solid knowledge of different legal traditions and will be able to understand their characteristics and their evolution, also on a global scale.

**Applying knowledge and understanding:** Students will be expected to apply their acquired theoretical knowledge to comparative analysis of legal systems, also identifying similarities and differences.

**Making judgements:** Students will be able to understand, make comparative analysis and evaluate, also from a critical perspective, different legal systems.

**Communication skills:** Students will acquire the appropriate technical vocabulary on comparative public law, being able to present their ideas, analyse and solve concrete issue either orally or in writing.

**Learning skills:** Students will acquire analytical, critical thinking and comparative research skills essential for understanding and navigating the complexities of legal systems in a globalized world.



Pre-requisites	Basic knowledge of constitutional law and international law
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to comparative public law</li><li>• Overview of constitutional cycles</li><li>• Main features of the contemporary constitutional state: constitutional rigidity, enhanced amendment processes and constitutional review of legislation</li><li>• The horizontal and vertical separation of powers</li><li>• Multilevel constitutionalism</li><li>• Forms of federalism and regionalism</li><li>• Constitutional transitions</li><li>• Secession</li></ul>
Reference Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• R. Masterman, R. Schütze (2019), <i>The Cambridge Companion to Comparative Constitutional Law</i> (Cambridge University Press)</li><li>• Slides set of the course and other teaching materials (on Luiss Learn)</li></ul>
Teaching Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Frontal lectures</li><li>• Case studies</li><li>• Class discussion</li></ul>
Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mid-term written exam (40%)</li><li>• Written final exam (60%)</li></ul>