

Course code (filled in by the Office for Education)	
Course title	The Hungarian Historical Constitution
Module title	Public Governance and Political Science
Level of the Course	MA
Institute/Department responsible for course	Institute of Hungarian Constitutional and Legal History
Course director	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peres Zsuzsanna
Name of the Lecturer(s)	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peres Zsuzsanna; Assist. Lect. dr. Bathó Gábor
Number of the ECTS credits	5 ECTS
Teaching methodology	Lectures: Class contact teaching Assignments Individually: class participation, team project
Language of instruction	English
Prerequisite(s) for the course	Fluency in English
Semester	autumn/spring - All semesters
Course description	The main target of the course is to give a deeper insight into the Hungarian constitutional history showing its turning points. The course provides proper knowledge and a comprehensive approach for the students into the development of the Hungarian State and Governance and legal system.
Learning outcomes and course competences	During the course the students will gain a deeper knowledge of the development and content of the Hungarian historical constitution. The students are going to be able to identify the main questions of the Hungarian constitutional history and later on they can use their knowledge for the better understanding of the Hungarian state and governance system, the Hungarian legal culture and legal system.
Weekly content of course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitution and historical constitution in a comparative perspective 2. The foundation and the structure of the Hungarian State - especially from the time of the appearance of the historical constitution 3. The development of the Hungarian historical constitution 4. The content of the feudal Hungarian historical constitution 5. Changes in the Hungarian historical constitution after the battle of Mohács (1526) 6. The State structure within the Habsburg Empire 7. The legal system of the Hungarian feudal state 8. Achievements of the 1848 revolution 9. Turning into a constitutional monarchy - challenges of the Historical 10. The loss of the State independence - legal modernization during the neoabsolutism 11. Constitutional structure of Austria-Hungary 12. Legal continuity in the interwar period 13. Historical constitution and the socialist dictatorship 14. Historical constitution nowadays 15. Achievements of the Historical constitution - challenges for the future
Compulsory and recommended reading materials	<p>Compulsory reading materials: Gyula Andrassy: The Development of Hungarian Constitutional Liberty. London, 1908.</p> <p>Recommended reading materials: Elemér Hantos: The Magna Charta of the English and of the Hungarian constitution; a comparative view of the law and institutions of the early Middle Ages. Clark, 2006. László Sólyom - Georg Brunner: Constitutional Judiciary in a New Democracy. The Hungarian Constitutional Court. Ann Arbor, 2000. László Péter: Hungary's Long Nineteenth Century. Constitutional and Democratic Traditions in a European Perspective. Leiden-Boston. 2012.</p>
Assessment methods and criteria	written exam at the end of the semester
Grading	Five scale grading
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