

## I. Institution

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## II. Course's profile

5. Course title	Constitutional rights in Russia
6. Course profile (please give some key words to specify the focus)	Court control, alternative civil service, Legal problems and author's comments, freedom of movement, Foreign policy of court.
7. ECTS points available? (Yes/No)	No
8. Class hours/week	24 hours per week
9. Integrated Russian language course for beginners (Yes/No, hours/week)	No
10. Language of instruction	English
11. Integrated practical training/ research program (Yes/No, brief description)	No.
12. Integrated cultural program: excursions etc. (Yes/No, brief description)	Yes, That is the optional program. It will let students to know more about Russian culture and history. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• tour of Petrozavodsk (2 hours)</li><li>• excursion to Kizhi island – open air museum of wooden architecture</li><li>• excursion tour to the first sanatorium in Russia "Martial waters" and the biggest waterfall in the flat part of Europe.</li><li>• visiting of city Sortavala and monastery on the island Valaam.</li><li>• visiting the most rapidly developing city of Karelia Kondopoga.</li><li>• 2 day trip to St. Petersburg</li></ul> The cost of cultural program is 360 euro.
13. Number of students (min-max)	10
14. Tuition fees ( / month / person)	135 euro
15. Course's duration	1 month

## III. Accommodation

17. Accommodation conditions: student hostel (description of accommodation facilities, incl./excl. food, costs ( / month / person)	Student hostel. Conditions: the room is shared by 2 students. The toilet and shower are on the floor. <b>The cost excl. food is 40 euro.</b>
18. Accommodation conditions: guest family (optional): Yes/No, incl./excl. food, costs ( / month / person)	Guest family. Conditions: a separate room, access to all facilities (kitchen, bathroom, TV set, refrigerator, telephone etc.), bedroom clothing. <b>The cost excl. food is 60 euro per month/ incl. food 150 euro.</b>

## Additional description of the course

### The structure of the course:

1. lectures
2. workshops

### Part I Preface

To establish free and open society in Russia lawyers should play the key role in the development of transitional societies heading towards the establishment of the constitutional state. Therefore it's important that study of the constitutional law in Russian Higher Institutions should influence current political-legal development of the country and help solving contemporary constitutional issues.

That's why new teaching – methodical manual on teaching the course of constitutional law was developed by the Law Department of Petrozavodsk State University. It is based on modern achievements of constitutionalists in the USA, Germany, Hungary, Poland in applying Socratic and deductive method during lectures and seminars for law students, cause they are the most efficient to reach critical thinking.

Approbation of this method was conducted successfully in Higher Institutions of Budapest (Hungary), Petrozavodsk State University and in many others of the Russian Federation.

This method allows students be able to interpret legislation (in the wide sense) from the perspective of key rights, freedoms and other democratic values. Analytical, problem-solving thinking was the starting point of the development of this new method of teaching of the constitutional law in Russia. It encourages the tendency to teach students to assess the applied law in the critical way, from the perspective of constitutional state principals and in accordance with main values.

This new course is based on the actual cases of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation, Constitutional (authorized) Courts of the subjects of the Russian Federation, decisions of the Federal constitutional court of Germany, the US Supreme Court, the Supreme Court of Canada and European Human Rights Court. This allows students to see themselves as judges of the Constitutional Courts and to learn to apply theoretical knowledge into practice.

### Part II Structure of the Course.

1. Subject oriented method in teaching. Method of argumentation: Socratic and deductive method.
2. Some general issues of constitutional control and interpretation in the comparative context.
3. Sources and forms of constitutional control.
4. Methods of interpretation of constitutional rights. Assessment criteria of constitutionality (tests).
5. Changing the meaning of the constitution text.
6. Limitation of key rights.
7. Court control and access of the citizen to the Constitutional Court.
8. Visiting the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Karelia.
9. The right to alternative civil service. Story of the issue
  - a. Constitutional and legislative grounds
  - b. Model solution
  - c. Foreign policy of court
  - d. Legal problems and author's comments
10. Visiting the Human Rights Committee under the Head of the Republic of Karelia.
11. Visiting Youth Remedial Union of Karelia.
12. The right to freedom of movement (new Nationality Law in the Russian Federation has been passed).
13. Registration upon residence or abiding place.
  - i. Story of the issue
  - ii. Constitutional and legislative grounds
  - iii. Model solution
  - iv. Decision of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation
  - v. Legal problems comments
  - vi. Foreign policy of court
14. Visiting Passport and Visa Issuing Department

### Requirements:

Students wishing to participate must have completed at least two years of studies in the field of law (any specialization).

Content of the Course "Constitutional Rights in Russia".

Lectures  
Seminars

I. Introduction. Educational objectives and methods. Socratic and deductive method.

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II. Constitutional control. Sources and forms of constitutional control. Methods of interpretation of constitutional rights. Assessment criteria of constitutionality. Limitation of key rights.

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III. Court control and access of the citizen to the Constitutional Court. Constitutional complaint. Other ways for citizens to get access to the constitutional Court.

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IV. Visiting the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Karelia.

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V. Dignity: fundamental category of individual rights protection.

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VI. Liberty of conscience and personal liberty. Registration of religious organizations. Decision of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation.

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VII. The right to alternative civil service.

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VIII. The right to freedom of movement Registration upon residence or abiding place. Drawing up and issuing of an international passport.

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IX. Visiting the Human Rights Committee under the Head of the Republic of Karelia.

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X. Visiting Youth Remedial Union of Karelia.

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XI. Privat property right. Extreme limitation of property. Obligations of the proprietor.

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XII. Property withdrawal without court decision. Reimbursement of equal value.

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