



CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEEDING

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME



PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- ✔ Practice-oriented Master's programme in constitutional law. Since 2020 the applied orientation of the programme has been significantly strengthened and resulted in the new discipline "Practical Constitutional Law".
- ✔ Focus on the formation of the competencies essential for a successful lawyer (analytics, preparation of legal documents, comprehensive legal expertise, legal project management, etc.)
- ✔ Teachers have extensive practical experience in various fields of legal activities.
- ✔ Formation of a broad constitutional and legal view of legal problems facilitating complex intersectoral solutions. The opportunity for MA graduate students to participate in the implementation of legal projects of varying degree of complexity in different fields.
- ✔ Immersion in judicial and law enforcement practice. By the end of the Master's programme the students are well-read in the field and have the logic of executor of law.
- ✔ Involvement in the real legal context, work with factual material of current agenda and real cases, including unresolved ones.
- ✔ Involvement of students in "vertically integrated research groups", where Master's students are responsible for performing specific research tasks and are delegated to convene and head small research teams.
- ✔ Participation of Master's students in the development and implementation of innovative training formats for lawyers.
- ✔ An individual approach within the programme. Research and professional preferences of Master's students are taken into account in formation of educational content.
- ✔ Practicing lawyers with unique experience in a particular area of legal operations are regularly invited to give lectures, master classes, and organize workshops.



STUDYING PROCESS

120 credits.

Lectures, seminars, self-study, internship



ADVANCED TOPICS OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

- Theory of Constitution.
- Possibilities and limits of democracy.
- The correlation of democracy and law.
- Problems of federalism and autonomy.
- Federal interference.
- Sovereignty and inter-State associations.
- Social state.
- Separation of powers.
- System of checks and balances.
- Constitutional and political responsibility.
- Constitutional values.
- Constitutional crises.
- Legitimation of the consequences of a protest.
- Status of a member of parliament.
- Imperative and free mandate.
- Party systems.
- Constitutional regulation of the economy.
- Local self-government development trends.



THE CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS OF THE LEGAL REGULATION MECHANISM

- The system of sources of law.
- The Constitution of the Russian Federation and the forms of its implementation.
- Correlation of national and international law.
- The effect of the rule of law in time and space.

- Retroactivity.
- Conflicts of laws.
- Forms and subjects of law-making activity.
- Possibilities and limitations of referendum lawmaking.
- Differentiation of matters of competence and powers of various levels of public authority.
- The correlation of judicial acts and sources of law.
- The effect of judicial acts in time and in scope of persons.



LEGAL ANALYTICS

- Search for legal information.
- Methodology for legal analysis.
- Identification of a legal problem.
- Establishment of facts for a legal decision.
- Analysis of legal provisions for compliance with the Constitution and other statutory acts.
- Substantiating and structuring of a legal position.
- Presentation of analytical results.
- Preparation of legal opinions.
- Comparative analysis of statutory acts.
- Ratio decidendi of legal reasoning of the courts.
- Identification of enforcement trends.
- Forecasting of legal regulation development trends.
- Consequence assessment of a legal decision.



CONSTITUTIONAL REGULATION IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC LAW RELATIONS

- Constitutional foundations of the branches of public law.
- Administrative law.
- The limits of discretion.
- Tax law.

- The principle of legally established tax and collection.
- The effect of tax legislation in time.
- The limits of tax optimization.
- Criminal law.
- Constitutionality of punishments.
- Criminal proceedings.
- The right to appeal the verdict.
- The reasonable period.
- Social security law.
- Inadmissibility of reducing the achieved level of social protection.



CONSTITUTIONAL JUSTICE

- Constitutional control.
- Constitutional supervision.
- Models of constitutional control (supervision).
- Bodies of constitutional control (supervision).
- Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation.
- Constitutional (charter) courts of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation.
- Constitutional litigation.
- Constitutional complaint.
- Interpretation of the constitution.
- Disputes about competence.
- Decisions of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation.
- Tactics of compearance in the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation.
- Legal positions of constitutional justice bodies in practice.



JUDICIAL AND EXTRAJUDICIAL MECHANISMS FOR PROTECTING RIGHTS AND LEGITIMATE INTERESTS

- Jurisdictional remedies.
- Non-jurisdictional remedies.
- The judicial system of the Russian Federation.
- Federal courts. Courts of constituent entities of the Russian Federation.
- Civil process.
- Administrative litigation.
- Arbitration proceedings.
- Mediation.
- Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation.
- The Prosecutor's office of the Russian Federation.
- Self-help.



SUFFRAGE AND ELECTORAL DISPUTES

- Sources of suffrage.
- Subjects of the electoral process.
- Nomination and registration of a candidate.
- Election canvassing.
- Election financing.
- Voting results.
- Election results.
- Election commissions.
- Challenging acts of election commissions.
- Courts in the election process.



CONSTITUTIONAL REGULATION IN THE FIELD OF PRIVATE LAW RELATIONS

- Constitutional framework of private law.
- Ownership.
- Objects of civil rights.
- Dates.
- Property law.
- Law of obligations.
- Contract law.
- Liabilities from unjust enrichment.
- Tort law.
- Intellectual property law.
- Compensation for harm.
- Losses.
- Inheritance law.
- Family law.
- Labour law.



STUDENTS FEEDBACK



TYUTYUNNIK ROMAN



Lawyer of the criminal law practice of the Pen & Paper Bar, 1-st year student of the Master's programme "Constitutional Law and Constitutional Proceedings".

I came to know the Department of Constitutional Law, like all other students of my cohort, in my second year of undergraduate studies at Law Institute. Before coming to the first class in constitutional law, I was sure that I wanted to become a civil lawyer and accompany major transactions. At that time, I could not understand at all why the study of the basic law lasted two academic semesters, and how to apply the gained knowledge. I just reduced the subject of this academic discipline to the monotonous studying of the articles of the 1993 Constitution.

However, the first meeting with the teachers of the department has completely changed my idea of jurisprudence in general and constitutional law in particular. The teachers of the department, most of whom are practicing lawyers, have opened my eyes to the nature of constitutional law, to its branches and disciplines. I have realized that it is a living and relevant science, the study of which allows us to explain the reasons for the emergence of any social or state institution and to forecast its development, to understand the logic of the legislator in any branch of law, make reasonable conclusions about the legal culture and development of the state at any time period on the basis of historical and comparative analysis. It is a fundamental branch of law, which allows you to quickly and efficiently master any other legal branch. This is an engrossing discipline, which enabled me to get to know the legislation of various foreign jurisdictions, understand why "Empire must die", and gain invaluable knowledge that I daily apply in practice, working in the criminal law field.

After three years of fruitful cooperation with the department in the framework of the undergraduate studies, the choice of the Master's programme was obvious to me. The relevance of the Master's programme I have chosen was again confirmed on January 15, 2020.

The correctness of the choice is grounded by the set of disciplines relevant to practical jurisprudence, the depth of discussions with the teachers, as well as their friendliness, responsiveness, and exclusive professionalism.

The Master's programme "Constitutional Law and Constitutional Proceedings" at the RUDN University Law Institute, in my opinion, is an excellent opportunity for Bachelor's programme graduates to obtain fundamental knowledge of law, which will allow them to increase their competitiveness in any branch of law in the field of practical jurisprudence. ”

 **EDUARD BLATMAN**

“ PhD student of the Department of Constitutional Law and Constitutional Proceedings of RUDN University, graduate of the Master's programme "Constitutional Law and Constitutional Proceedings" in 2020.

The Department of Constitutional Law and Constitutional Proceedings of the RUDN University Law Institute is traditionally one of the leaders in the study of national and foreign constitutional law and comparative law. It implements the Master's programme of the same name, which provides the students interested in topical issues of constitutional law and comparative studies with comprehensive theoretical and methodological support in conducting research and practical work in the field of jurisprudence. Constitutional law is a basic branch, which embraces practically all the fields of national and foreign jurisprudence. Therefore, everyone can find here an interesting topic of research and conduct it under the guidance of experienced theorists and practitioners. The faculty of the department actively promotes not only educational and research activities, but various extracurricular activities as well. The department regularly holds trainings, master classes, round tables and business games. Studies at the Department of Constitutional Law and Constitutional Proceedings provide deep knowledge, profound erudition, critical legal thinking, and skills that can be successfully applied in practice. ”



STUDENTS FEEDBACK



 **SINO JONOV**

“ Lawyer of the judicial claims department of the Promstroikontrakt group of companies, graduate of the Master’s programme “Constitutional Law and Constitutional Proceedings” in 2020.

As a graduate of the Department of Constitutional Law and Constitutional Proceedings of the RUDN University Law Institute today I can state with confidence that my legal career is largely due to the skills developed in the course of my study at the department. It is worth noting that the department’s Master’s programme is to a great extent applicable in nature and it is aimed at the formation of practical skills and abilities crucial for a modern lawyer. In addition, it is important to emphasise that in the process of training under this Master’s programme we mastered both hard skills, i.e. professional skills, and soft skills which include teamwork, time management, communication skills, management skills, and leadership. They enable us to become well-qualified and successful lawyers. The international environment is a particular advantage of the RUDN University. The students enjoy it during their studies. They constantly interact with people of different cultures, religions, and mentality. In the process of training they can master academic disciplines in the dynamics of processes taking place in Russia and other countries of the world. ”



HEAD OF THE PROGRAMME

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Fields of research interests include comparative constitutional law; the genesis and development of democratic institutions; legal Ibero-American studies; local self-government; municipal historiography.