

Bangladesh University of Business and Technology (BUBT)

(Outcome-Based Curriculum)

Faculty of Law

Program: LL. B (Hons.)

Course Outline

Part A

- 1. Course Code** : LAW 2102 (BNQF Code: LAW 04212102)
- 2. Course Title** : Constitutional Law of UK and USA
- 3. Course Type** : Compulsory
- 4. Year/Semester** : Second Year, Semester-1
- 5. Academic Session** : Spring 2025

6. Course Teacher's Information

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- 7. Pre requisite (If any)** : Constitutional Law of Bangladesh
- 8. Credit Value** : 4.00 Credit Hours
- 9. Contact Hours** : Class Hours = 17 Weeks = {51 Classes x (1.25 Hours X 2 classes + 50 Minutes

1 Class = 200 Minutes) = 56.67 Hours}

Hours

Counseling Hours = 17 Weeks x 3 Hours per week = 51

**For optimum utilization of physical resources, the duration of our class weeks are 17 weeks.*

10. Total Marks : 100

11. Class Schedule and Counseling Hours

Intake	Section	Class Schedule			Counseling Hours		
		Day	Time	Room No.	Day	Time	Room No.
52	1	Tue	04:00 PM to 05:15 PM	B1-504B	Mon	01:00 PM-02:00 PM	B1-511
		Wed	10:30 AM to 11:45 AM	B1-510	Tues	03:00PM to 04:00PM	B1-511
		Thu	02:45 PM to 04:00 PM	B1-501	Wed	04:00 AM-05:00 AM	B1-511

Rationale of the Course:

This course is designed to display an important part of legal aspect which is relating to constitutional law of UK and USA. The students can evaluate through the study, case laws and other materials to acquire a comprehensive knowledge and understanding on constitutional law of UK and USA. This course provides with the depth expose on Historical evolution of British Constitution, characteristics, conventions, the Monarchy, ministry and cabinet, ministerial responsibility, British Parliament, Judiciary of UK and especial doctrines on UK Constitution, the historical evolution of the USA Constitution, characteristics, Federal Government, the Executive, ministry and cabinet, Parliament, Judiciary of USA and remarkable doctrines on USA Constitution.

13. Course Objectives:

The objectives of this course are as follows:

- a) To discuss the basic concepts of UK Constitution including origins and sources of UK Constitution and British Monarchy.
- b) To describe and evaluate Conventions of the British Constitution, three organs of the government of UK, constitutional rights in UK Constitution
- c) To explain and discuss the rules of the constitutional law of USA.
- d) To analysis the constitutional approach upon three organs of the government of USA and relevant theories

14. Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) and Mapping of CLOs with Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

The expected learning outcomes of this course are as follows:

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Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

PLO1	Legal knowledge: Apply the knowledge of evaluation, fundamentals and legal specialization to solve the legal problems;
PLO2	Problem analysis: Identify, formulate, research the literature and analyse legal problems and reach substantiated conclusions using provisions of law.
PLO3	Investigation: Conduct investigations of various legal problems, considering provisions of law, analysis and interpretation of case laws to provide lawful conclusions
PLO4	Legal Professionals and society: Apply reasoning informed by relative knowledge to assess societal, health, safety, legal and cultural issues and the consequent responsibilities relevant to professional manners and etiquette.
PLO5	Ethics: Apply ethical principles and commit to professional ethics, responsibilities and the norms of the lawyers professional manners and etiquette.
PLO6	Individual work and team work: Function effectively in the individual law chamber and as a member or leader of particular law chamber or legal work base office/teams as well as in multidisciplinary settings.
PLO7	Communication: Communicate effectively about legal issues with the general people and with society at large. Be able to comprehend and write effective opinion, prepare legal documentation, make effective presentations before the court and clients and give and receive clear instructions.
PLO8	Life-long learning: Recognize and need for and have the preparation and ability to engage in independent, life-long learning in the broadest context of legal changes.

Mapping of CLOs with Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

Course Learning Outcome (CLOs)	PLO1	PLO2	PLO3	PLO4	PLO5	PLO6	PLO7	PLO8
CLO 1: Discuss the basic concepts of UK Constitution including origins and sources of UK Constitution and British Monarchy.	√	√		√	√	√	√	√

CLO 2: Describe and evaluate Conventions of the British Constitution, three organs of the government of UK, constitutional rights in UK Constitution.	√	√	√		√	√	√	√
CLO 3: Explain and discuss the rules of the constitutional law of USA.	√	√	√	√	√		√	√
CLO 4: Analysis the constitutional approach upon three organs of the government of USA and relevant theories.	√	√	√	√	√		√	√

Part B

15. Course plan specifying contents, CLOs, teaching-learning and assessment strategy with corresponding CLOs:

Week	Lecture	Topics	Book(s) & Other Reference(s)	Teaching- Learning Strategy	Assessment Strategy	Corresponding CLO (s)
1	1	Constitutional Law of the UK: Introduction: Short history of the development of the British Constitution.	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US	Lecture		CLO1

	2	Short history of the development of the British Constitution.	and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali Or Md Abdul Halim: <i>The Modern British Constitution; Theory and Practice</i>	Lecture		CLO2
	3	Basic features of the British Constitution.		Lecture		CLO2
	4	Sources of the British Constitution.		Lecture		CLO1
2	5	Sources of the British Constitution		Lecture		CLO2
	6	The British Monarchy: Evolution of the British Monarchy.	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali Md Abdul Halim: <i>The Modern British Constitution; Theory and Practice</i>	Lecture		CLO2
3	7	Legal status, powers and functions of the Monarch.		Lecture, Interactive Discussion		CLO2
	8	Legal status, powers and functions of the Monarch.		Lecture		CLO3
	9	Conventions of the British Constitution: Nature, importance purposes and legal status of constitutional conventions.		Lecture, Interactive Discussion	Class Test 01	CLO4

4	10	Nature, importance purposes and legal status of constitutional conventions.	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali	Lecture		CLO4
	11	Nature, importance purposes and legal status of constitutional conventions		Lecture		CLO4
	12	Royal Prerogatives: historical evolution,		Lecture		CLO4
5	13	Features and types of royal prerogatives,	Or Md Abdul Halim: <i>The Modern British Constitution; Theory and Practice</i>	Lecture, Group Study		CLO4
	14	Control over prerogatives, recent changes and trends of prerogatives.	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali	Lecture		CLO2

	15	Control over prerogatives, recent changes and trends of prerogatives.	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali Or Md Abdul Halim: <i>The Modern British Constitution; Theory and Practice</i>	Lecture		CLO3
6	16	The Parliamentary Supremacy: Meaning and extent of the supremacy,		Lecture		CLO4
	17	Limitations of the supremacy,		Lecture		CLO3
	18	Parliamentary privileges,		Lecture		CLO2, CLO3, CLO4
7	19	Position of parliamentary supremacy in the context of European community law and	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali Or Md Abdul	Lecture, Interactive Discussion		CLO2, CLO3, CLO4
	20	The Ministry, Cabinet and the Ministerial Responsibilities		Lecture		CLO4

	21	Doctrine of Separation of Powers and Rule of Law.	Halim: <i>The Modern British Constitution</i> ;	Lecture		CLO4
8	22	The Parliament: Structure, powers and functions of the House of Commons and House of Lords.	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali	Lecture		CLO2, CLO4
	23	Structure, powers and functions of the House of Commons and House of Lords and	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali	Lecture		CLO2
	24	Fundamental Rights and judicial review in the British Constitutional practice.	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M	Lecture		CLO2 CLO3

			Jashim Ali Or Md Abdul Halim: <i>The Modern British Constitution; Theory and Practice</i>			
	Midterm Examination					
9	25	Constitutional Law of the USA: Introduction:	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali	Lecture	Assignment & Presentation	CLO1, CLO3
	26	Short history of the emergence of USA and development of US Constitutional System.		Lecture		CLO3
	27	Short history of the emergence of USA and development of US Constitutional System..		Lecture		CLO1, CLO4

10	28	Short history of the emergence of USA and development of US Constitutional System..	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali Or Md Abdul Halim: <i>The Modern British Constitution; Theory and Practice</i>	Lecture		CLO1, CLO3
	29	Characteristics of the US Constitution; Constitutional Rights, Amendments		Lecture		CLO3
	30	Characteristics of the US Constitution; Constitutional Rights, Amendments		Lecture, Group Study		CLO1, CLO4
11	31	Characteristics of the US Constitution; Constitutional Rights, Amendments		Lecture		CLO1, CLO3
	32	The Legislature: Structure, Powers and Functions of the American Congress,		Lecture		CLO3
	33	Structure, Powers and Functions of the American Congress,		Lecture, Group Study		CLO1, CLO3

12	34	Role of Congressional Committees, Senate and House of Representatives.	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali Or Md.Rezaul Karim: <i>Constitutional Law of UK & USA</i>	Lecture		CLO1, CLO4
	35	Role of Congressional Committees, Senate and House of Representatives.		Lecture		CLO4
	36	The Executive: Presidential Election,		Lecture		CLO1, CLO4
13	37	Presidential Election,		Lecture		CLO1, CLO3
	38	Presidential Election,	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali Or Md.Rezaul Karim: <i>Constitutional Law of UK & USA</i>	Lecture		CLO3

	39	Presidential Election,	Md.Rezaul Karim: <i>Constitutional Law of UK & USA</i> Or Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali	Lecture	Class Test 02	CLO1, CLO2
14	40	Powers and functions of the President.		Lecture		CLO1, CLO3
	41	Impeachment of the President, Vice-President,		Lecture		CLO4
	42	The cabinet and executive departments.		Lecture		CLO1, CLO4
15	43	The Judiciary: The Supreme Court of the USA,	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali Or Md.Rezaul Karim: <i>Constitutional Law of UK & USA</i>	Lecture, Interactive Discussion		CLO1, CLO2
	44	History of the Court, mode of appointment of the judges, working of the Court,		Lecture		CLO3
	45	Jurisdiction of the court, power of judicial review.		Lecture		CLO3

1 6	46	The Structure, jurisdiction and functions of the lower courts,	Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali Or Md.Rezaul Karim: <i>Constitutional Law of UK & USA</i>	Lecture, Interactive Discussion		CLO3
	47	State Courts.				CLO3
	48	Bills of Rights under the Constitution of USA		Lecture, Interactive Discussion		CLO3
1 7	49	Bills of Rights under the Constitution of USA	Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali Or Md.Rezaul Karim: <i>Constitutional Law of UK & USA</i>	Lecture, Interactive Discussion		CLO2
	50	Separation of Powers.		Lecture		CLO4

	51	Revision Class		Interactive Discussion		
	Final Examination					

Part C

16. Assessment and Evaluation:

a) Assessment Strategy:

- i. Students will have **two class tests (CTs)** during the semester in this course. The date and time of each Class Test will be announced before the tests. All CTs will be closed book.
- ii. The marks of the **two class tests** will be counted and averaged.
- iii. There will be **one assignment** with **presentation**.
- iv. No late submission of any assignment will be accepted.
- v. If students cannot submit their assignments within due time for any valid reason(s), their assignment will be accepted as late submission but the marks of assignment will be deducted.
- vi. Failure to submit assignments will carry Zero Mark(s).
- vii. Evaluated copies of assignments will be shown to the students during the class time.
- viii. Zero tolerance will be shown in case of copy/manipulation in assignment. Two or more copied assignments will carry zero mark.
- ix. Remaining absent in any presentation will carry zero mark in that presentation and there will be no make-up presentation.
- x. There will be one **Midterm Examination** and the **Final Examination** according to the rule of BUBT.
- xi. All the examined scripts of Class Tests and Midterm Examination will be shown to the students during the class time.

b) Marks Distribution:

Marks distribution of each course at BUBT is made on 100 marks and the distribution of weightage is given below:

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Marks</i>
Class Attendance	05
Class Test	15
Assignment and Presentation	10
Midterm Examination	30
Final Examination	40
<i>Total</i>	<i>100</i>

Marks distribution for class attendance

A student must attend at least 70% classes in all the courses. 5% marks in each course is allocated for attendance and this score will vary from 1 to 5 according to his/her percentage of presence as shown below:

<i>Percentage of Attendance</i>	<i>Marks</i>
91% to 100%	5
86% to 90%	4
81% to 86%	3
76% to 80%	2
70% to 75%	1

c) Grading Policy:

The grading policy of BUBT will be followed to grade the students:

<i>Marks (%)</i>	<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Grade Point</i>
80 -100	A+	4.00
75 to less than 80	A	3.75
70 to less than 75	A-	3.50
65 to less than 70	B+	3.25
60 to less than 65	B	3.00
55 to less than 60	B-	2.75
50 to less than 55	C+	2.50
45 to less than 50	C	2.25
40 to less than 45	D	2.00
Less than 40	F	0.00

d) Make-up Procedure:

i. If any student remains absent in CT(s) because of valid reason(s), he/she must report it to the course teacher immediately. The course teacher may consider the reason(s) of remaining absent in CT(s) and may give a make-up schedule for that CT(s). No further make-up schedule of CT(s) will be given if a student fails to comply with the earlier make-up schedule.

ii. If any student fails to attend the Mid-term Examination or and Final Examination for valid reason(s), he/she may apply for supplementary examination(s) **according to the rules of BUBT** and the supplementary examination(s) will be conducted by the Controller of Examination according to the examination rules of BUBT.

iii. If any student remains absent in any class(es) due to valid reason(s), he/she needs to submit a 'Written Application' to the course teacher supported by proper document(s). After verifying the submitted documents, the class teacher may grant him/her a 'Leave of Absence' and may consider the attendance for those class(es).

Part D

17. Learning Materials

a) Recommended Readings:

1. Chowdhury, M Jashim Ali: Comparative Constitutional Law: Issues, Debates and Stories from the UK, US and Indian Jurisdictions
2. Md Abdul Halim: *The Modern British Constitution; Theory and Practice*
3. Md.Rezaul Karim: *Constitutional Law of UK & USA*

b) Supplementary Readings:

1. Anup Chand Kapoor, *Select Constitution*
2. Jennings, *The Law and the Constitution*
3. Hood Philips, *Constitutional Law*
4. Wilioughby, *The Constitutional Law of United States.*
5. A. V. Dicey; *Introduction to the Study on the Law of Constitution.*
6. M.A.Malik, *Outlines of the Constitution of the United States of America*

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