

DETAILED CURRICULUM
LEVEL ONE – SEMESTER TWO
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II

COURSE DETAILS			
Course Code	LW 2064		
Course Title	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW II		
Course Type	Core		
Credits	04		
Hours Allotted	Theory	45	Total 75
	Practical	-	
	Assignments/ Tutorials	30	
AIM			
<p>In a comparative study of the constitutions of USA, France, India, Canada and Switzerland, Students are provided an opportunity to study the nature of unitary and united constitutions. Concept of devolution of power is discussed as it has been mostly discussed in the post independent period of Sri Lanka in relation to ethno political conflict. Therefore powers and functions of provincial councils and local governmental authorities in relation to the central government are also focused in the study.</p>			
INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES			
<p>After following the course the student should be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identify the nature and pattern of the different type of constitutions functioning in other countries. • assess the applicability of the concept of devolution of power in the context of multi racial societies • identify the power and function of provincial councils and local governmental bodies, and analyze the interaction of those bodies in relation to the central government. 			
COURSE CONTENTS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comparative study of the constitutions, Federal and unitary constitutions (USA, France, India, Switzerland and Canada) 2. Concept of devolution of power in Sri Lanka; provincial Councils, powers and functions, Relationship with Central Government. 3. Local government in Sri Lanka; power and functions, Relationship with Provincial councils and central government, judiciary involvement in elections to the local authorities. 			

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	% OF MARKS
Semester- end Examination :	70
Assignments:	20
Class Quizzes:	10
RECOMMENDED READING	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GRT Leitan, Local Government and Decentralized Administration in Sri Lanka. 2. SA De Smith, Constituional and Administrative Law of Sri Lanka. 3. Chanaka Amaratunge, Ideas for Constitutional Reform. 4. J De Almeida Gunarathne, The Swiss Constitution; Lesson for Sri Lanka. 5. V Bagdaner, Devolution 6. P Hogg, Constitutional Law of Canada. 7. HM Seervai, Constitutional Law of India. 8. L Tribe, American Constitutional Law 9. CF Strong, Modern Political Constitutions. 	