

Outline

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This Outline lists some main topics of your doctrinal area, and are basics that a law graduate should know: the skills needed as well as the values encompassed by their respective discipline.

During the last IALS Meeting in San Francisco in October 2016, the Constitutional Law Study Group had adopted two short reports that were handed to the IALS Chair. Those reports give a summary of our Study Group discussion from October 2016. Report n° 1 contains the minutes of the meeting whereas Report n° 2 drafts a list of subjects that should be part of every law curriculum. They can be found in this Report under 2016 Annual Meeting Report.

As you can read it in report n° 2, we identified the following list of topics that a Law education program should include:

- Constitutional theory (is not on the list yet but should be added)
- the notion of public law
- the structure of the state (legislative, executive, judicial power)
- main definitions
- history
- rights
- separation of powers
- locus standi
- judicial review (Constitutional review)
- Constitutional interpretation

Please refer to Chair Franceschi's Syllabi (further on this report) for Outline Reference Material as well.

Outline Input by Study Group Members

Submitted by Senior Lecturer Khanya Motshabi, University of the Free State, South Africa

Thu, Aug 10, 2017 6:30 AM

Dear Colleagues

Thank you for this impressive document. These brief comments are not fair to the outline. And they are not fair to my strongly favorable assessment. But I do want to share my particular appreciation for the following features of the outline:

1. Pedagogic foundation;
2. Focus on high cognitive skills;
3. Broad comparative approach;
4. Variety of comparative sources;
5. Explicitly contextual approach;
6. Use of 'non-legal' texts;
7. Diversity of teaching, learning and assessment methods.

My own course, which I offer for the first time in early 2018, will gain from this read of the Kenya/ Strathmore plan. I will work differently than anticipated and this experience is most valuable.

I support this template for the final proposal. Thank you once again.

Best, Khanya

Wed, Oct 11, 2017 5:23 AM

Dear IALS Secretariat

Reflecting further on this excellent course, I might perhaps treat the separation of powers after the structure of government.

Best, Khanya Motshabi