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2. AREA: Formación Profesional	6. CORREQUISITOS:
3 PLAN DE AULA: Electiva	7. INTENSIDAD: No. Créditos: 2 T.P.: 32 H T.I.E: 64 H
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Comparative Law:
The Colombian and the American Constitutional systems

INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

UNIT I: WHAT IS A CONSTITUTION?


- A. Definition of Constitution
 - 1. Characteristics
 - 2. Qualities
 - 3. Elements
- B. Principles of the Constitution in general
- C. Constitutions in the world

UNIT II: THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY

- A. The Declaration of independence
 - 1. Background
 - 2. Purposes
- B. The Political Foundations
 - 1. Influence of John Locke
 - 2. The English Heritage
 - 3. The Colonial Experience
 - 4. The Colonial Governments
 - 5. The Paradox of Colonial Democracy
- C. The American Revolution
- D. The Concept of a Political System
- E. Public Policymaking
- F. Democratic government and a changing society

UNIT III: THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE COLOMBIAN AND THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION PRINCIPLES

- A. Due process of law or el debido proceso
- B. Supreme law or normas de normas
- C. Freedom of speech or derecho a la libertad de expresión
- D. Check and balances principles o el Sistema de pesos y contrapesos

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Methodology

The class will be at most times in the English Language and there will be translations in some exceptional cases. It will be mainly conversational, and workshop based. The aim of this course is to teach some vocabulary in Constitutional law in both the American and the Colombian political system, through comparison.

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