

SYLLABUS
COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONS
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PART ONE:

Definition of Subject Matter

The importance of the meaning of language.

What is a Constitution?

What are the purposes of a Constitution?

Why can we learn about a country by study of its Constitution?

Criteria for evaluating Constitutions

Types. Quality. Legitimacy. Values. Effectiveness. Survivability.

PART TWO:

The Constitution of the United States of America

Why study it?

Its historical context.

Review of its objectives, structure, unique features.

Current Constitutional crises.

What does the Constitution actually say?

The Socialist Constitution of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Why study it?

Its historical context.

Review of its objectives, structure, unique features.

Compare and Contrast US, Korean

Is it actually a Constitution?

Constitution of the Slovak Republic

Why study it?

Its historical context.

Review of its objectives, structure, unique features.

Compare and contrast, US, Korean, Slovak

PART THREE:

Summary Conclusions: What learn from the comparison of these three Constitutions?

About the countries?

What dictates content?

Values comparable?

Structures transferrable, adaptable?

Weaknesses/strengths/cautions to be considered?

Constitution reliable/worthwhile?