

# **Fundamental Rights and Freedoms 2014-2015**

**Degree awarded:** Degree in Law

**Academic year:** 1

**Term:** 3rd

**Number of ECTS credits** 6

**Student hours:** 150

## **Syllabus**

This subject studies the system for the protection of fundamental rights in the Spanish legal system. It includes the analysis of mechanisms provided for in the 1978 Spanish Constitution to protect fundamental rights, their legislative development and the impact of the European and international systems for the protection of human rights on the Spanish legal system.

On completing the course students will understand the concept and basics of what is meant by fundamental human rights and their relationship with constitutionalism and with the international human rights movement. They will also understand the protection and guarantee mechanisms provided for in the 1978 Spanish Constitution and their interrelation with European systems for protecting fundamental rights. Finally, students will have acquired essential knowledge of the content of the main fundamental rights recognised in the Spanish legal system. To follow the course students need to develop skills related to the ability to understand and analyse historical and modern constitutional texts, constitutional case law and doctrinal articles, as well as being able to apply the structures of constitutional argument to conflict resolution and the critique of institutions.

**Topic 1. Fundamental rights: evolution and concept**

**Topic 2. Fundamental rights in the 1978 Spanish Constitution**

**Topic 3. The holding and exercise of fundamental rights**

**Topic 4. The regulatory configuration of fundamental rights**

**Topic 5. The judicial and institutional guarantees of fundamental rights**

**Topic 6. Fundamental rights in Europe and their projection on the Spanish legal system**

**Topic 7. The equality principle**

**Topic 8. The right to an individual and private sphere**

**Topic 9. Freedom of expression and information**

**Topic 10. Political rights and the right to participation**

**Topic 11. Effective protection of the court. The principle of criminal legality**

**Topic 12. Rights with social and economic content**