

# **Central US bodies under the constitutions between 1781 and 1787 and their competences**

## **Abstract**

The subject of this thesis is the central bodies of the United States of America and their competences. In the context of this work the central bodies are the President of the United States as the head of the executive branch, bicameral Congress, consisting of the House of Representatives and the Senate, as the major body of the legislative branch and the Supreme Court as the major body of the judicial branch. The aim of this work was to analyze how these bodies function and their position within the constitutional system of the United States, both horizontally and vertically. The first part of the thesis deals with the circumstances of the establishment of the United States of America, the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the end of the American War of Independence. The second part deals with the Articles of Confederation, the first US Constitution, and the process of their creation, the bodies that were created on their basis and their competences. The third part deals with the reasons for the creation and process of adoption of the US Constitution, the problems that accompanied its creation, the legal principles on the basis of which it was created and the content of the Bill of Rights. The fourth part of the thesis deals with the bicameral Congress, the powers that belong to each individual chamber and their limitations. The fifth part deals with the office of President, the history of this office, presidential elections, impeachment and the scope of presidential powers. Furthermore, this chapter deals with the auxiliary bodies of the executive branch, i.e., the Vice President and the Cabinet of the United States of America. The sixth part deals with judicial power, describes the history of the Supreme Court and its functioning, the scope of the Supreme Court's powers and the principle of judicial review, which is best described in the case of *Marbury v. Madison*. The sixth chapter also deals with the structure of the federal court system. The seventh chapter deals with the position and relations between individual states and between states and the Union.

**Key words:** Constitution of the United States of America, central US bodies, separation of powers