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Course Unit Program  
Contemporary International Politics

Academic Year 2024/2025

**1. Organic Unit**

Faculty of Law

**2. Course**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**3. Cycle**

1st

**4. Course Unit**

Contemporary International Politics (07412)

**5. Scientific Area**

**6. Curricular Year**

2nd

**7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester**

2nd Semester



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#### 8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:

Practical classes:

Theoretical-Practical Classes 30,00

Tutorial Guidance: 20,00

#### 9. ECTS Credits

6,00

#### 10. Scientific Area Coordinator

#### 11. Regent

Prof. Doutor JOÃO PAULO SANTOS DE CASTRO FERNANDES

#### 12. Assistants

#### 13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

#### 14. General Objectives

#### 15. Specific Objectives

Acquisition of knowledge of Contemporary International Politics, from 1945 to the present: The Genesis and development of the "cold war" to their end and the establishment of a "new world order".

#### 16. Skills to be acquired

#### 17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical Classes and Tutorial Classes: Classes with AV support, TEXTS IN ENGLISH, documentaries and films.

#### 18. Course Unit Program



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WORLD AFTER WORLD WAR II

- The immediate consequences of the war: The containment and the Truman Doctrine
- The Europe invasion by USSR
- The superpowers and the balance of power relations:
- The Berlin Blockade and the NATO foundation

GENESIS AND DEVELOPMENT OF "COLD WAR".

- Fall of the "Grand Alliance".
- Korean War.
- Foundation of Warsaw Pact
- Anticomunist riots in the Eastern bloc:
- The Soviet invasion of Hungary and Czechoslovakia
- Berlin Wall Construction

SUPERPOWERS AND THE THIRD WORLD: THE MIDDLE EAST AND LATIN AMERICA.

- Crisis of the Cuban Missile
- Israeli-Arab conflicts

END OF THE COLD WAR AND THE COMMUNIST BLOCK IMPLOSION.

- John Paul II's election and the Vatican diplomacy
- the "Gorbachevian Governance": the end of the Soviet Union.
- East revolutions.
- Fall of the Berlin Wall
- The end of Soviet Union

A new phase of the Cold War - the invasion of Ukraine and the Western support (2022 till now)

## 19. Assessment Methods

Students shall be evaluated according to the following options: A) Continuous evaluation: Two written tests during the semester. The themes in the first test are not repeated in the second test. B) Compulsory Written exam and a final oral examination.

## 20. Didactic Resources

## 21. Sustainability Objectives

general

- 1 - Ensure equal access to education.
- 2 - Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications and Skills.
- 3 - Guarantee equal opportunities in higher education.
- 4 - Promote interaction between student and teacher and gradually adopt less paper in the teaching/learning process.

Specifics

- 1 - Promote a fair society where merit is promoted and not promote the "job for the boys" in a party democracy who leads to facilitism.
- 2 - Contribute to respon



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## 22. Keywords

Politics  
Strategy  
Geostrategy  
Cold War  
Containment

## 23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): Vadney, Thomas  
Title: The World since 1945  
Edition: 3<sup>a</sup> Year: 1998  
Local: London  
Publisher: Penguin Books

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Author(s): Judt, Tony  
Title: Postguerra - Una historia de Europa desde 1945  
Edition: 4<sup>a</sup> Year: 2010  
Local: Madrid  
Publisher: Taurus

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Author(s): Gorbatchov, Mikhail  
Title: Que está em Jogo? o Futuro do Mundo Global  
Edition: 1<sup>a</sup> Year: 2021  
Local: Lisboa  
Publisher: Edições 70

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## 24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): Martin Gilbert  
Title: a II Guerra Mundial  
Edition: 1<sup>a</sup> Year: 2009  
Local: Lisboa  
Publisher: D. Quixote

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Author(s): Garton Ash, Timothy  
Title: História do Presente: um reencontro com a Europa dos anos 90  
Edition: 1<sup>a</sup> Year: 2001  
Local: Lisboa  
Publisher: Editorial Noticias

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