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Course Unit Program
International Public Law

Academic Year 2023/2024

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

International Public Law (07418)

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 JORGE TIAGO VEIGA QUARESMA VIANA BARRA

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

General understanding of current International Law, its origin and evolution, the relationship between international law and domestic law, the subjects of International Law, the main topics covered by international norms, especially those norms that regulate new areas of international cooperation.

15. Specific Objectives

Theoretical understanding of the sources of international law, in particular treaties, and practical application, providing essential basic training for an expert in international relations to know the distinction between general or common international law and conventional international law. The study of the subjects of international law, international conflicts and international responsibility appears to be necessary in this curricular unit.

16. Skills to be acquired

Ability to use the concepts and rules of international law, from a legal and political perspective. Search capability of the sources of international law. Ability to interpret and apply international law instruments, especially treaties, and to understand international jurisprudence, analyzing real cases and resolving hypothetical cases.

17. Teaching Methodology



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The teaching of public international law is developed on a theoretical basis , with the regent explaining the essential aspects of the subjects included in the program, exposed doctrinally and on a practical and tutorial basis, implying a work of verification of the recommended support readings, the systematic analysis of the main selected international instruments, through the pertinent jurisprudence and the resolution of practical cases.

18. Course Unit Program



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Part I

Introduction

1. Public International Law: concept, origin, nature and grounding
2. The relationship between international law and the internal legal order of States
3. The relevance of international law in the Portuguese legal order

Part II

The sources of international law

1. General considerations
2. The custom
3. The treaties
4. General principles of law
5. Unilateral legal acts
6. Other sources

Part III

Subjects of International Law

1. Notion, classification
2. Personality and international capacity
3. The State. Sovereign and semi-sovereign state
4. State and Government recognition
5. Concept, delimitation and legal regime of the land, air and maritime space of the State
6. Other subjects of International Law
7. The individual as a subject of International Law

Part IV

International Organizations

1. Concept, evolution and classification
2. The United Nations
3. Some international organizations of which Portugal is a Member State.

Part V

international conflicts

1. Notion, types and means of solution
2. United Nations peacekeeping operations
3. Humanitarian intervention

Part VI

International Responsibility

1. General considerations
2. The international responsibility of the State
3. The individual's international responsibility



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19. Assessment Methods

Continuous assessment is carried out mainly through the completion of two written tests, which may additionally include oral interventions, reports of possible study visits or conferences, written works or simulation of debates in bodies of International Organizations, through which the student's abilities will be evaluated, in the various aspects of assessing the knowledge acquired, understood and applied by the student.

20. Didactic Resources

Library Resources

Media library resources

Multimedia resources (Internet) available in the classroom, for browsing sites, especially the United Nations, in tutorial and practical classes.

21. Sustainability Objectives

Bearing in mind the UN Sustainable Development Goals, foster a legal and ethical culture on international issues of respect for human rights, democracy, rule of law, and the environment, in a peaceful context of loyal cooperation between States and other subjects of international law.

22. Keywords

International treaty

Sovereign State

International Organizations

International Conflicts



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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): MIRANDA, JORGE
Title: Curso de Direito Internacional Público
Edition: 6.^a Edição Revist Year: 2016
Local: S. João do Estoril
Publisher: Principia

Author(s): DUARTE. MARIA LUISA
Title: Direito Internacional Público e a Ordem Jurídica Global do Século XXI
Edition: 4.^a Rp 2021 Year: 2019
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: AAFDL- Editora

Author(s): JORGE BACELAR GOUVEIA
Title: Manual de Direito Internacional Público -
Edition: 5.^a Edição Year: 2017
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): BRITO, WLADIMIR
Title: Direito Internacional Público
Edition: 1.^a Year: 2021
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina

Author(s): MARGARIDA SALEMA D'OLIVEIRA MARTINS e TERESA LEAL COELHO
Title: Casos e Materiais de Direito Internacional Público, Coletânea de Textos
Edition: 1.^a Year: 2023
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