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Course Unit Program
Private Security

Academic Year 2023/2024

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

SECURITY POLICIES

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Private Security (L7030)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

3rd

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 SÉRGIO RICARDO COSTA CHAGAS FELGUEIRAS

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

The overall objective is to contribute to the development of the analytical capacity of students about the broad concept of security and the new governance of security in contemporary society. It is intended to provide them with a thematic, conceptual and legal framework for the Internal Security System and specifically for the private security regime in Portugal.

15. Specific Objectives

The specific objective is to develop technical and legal competencies in the field of private security activity, as well as to develop analytical capacity about the models, principles and practices adopted by private security in its multiple organisations, as well as its relation with public security (security forces and services/criminal police bodies).

16. Skills to be acquired

In a context of enlargement of the traditional concept of security, students must understand the challenges faced by modern societies marked by new threats, risks and insecurity, namely the need for States to delegate functions that used to reside in their exclusive sphere. It is intended to foster the analytical capacity of students regarding the evolution of security nowadays, namely concerning the growth of the private security sector at an internal level.

17. Teaching Methodology



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Theoretical-practical classes with audiovisual support. Tutorial classes with reading orientation, research indications, case studies and verification of knowledge acquisition. Creation of reflection and discussion forums on the different topics included in the program in the classroom and Moodle platform.

18. Course Unit Program



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- I. Emergence of a New Paradigm of Security in Modern Times 1. 1.
 - 1.1 New Security Governance
 - 1. 2. Security Schools
 - Internal Security and National Defence
 - 1.4. The concept of police and the function of public security
 - 1.5. The feeling of insecurity
 - 1.6. The privatisation and the new security needs 1.7.
 - Crime prevention (situational prevention)
- II. Public Security versus Private Security 2. 1.
 - Public Security Policies (and Private Security) 2.2.
 - The privatisation of administrative police functions 2.3.
 - 2.3 The Internal Security System
 - 2.4 The state monopoly on the Use of Force
- III. Private Security in General 3. 1.
 - 3.1 Brief historical background
 - Definition of private security
 - The framework of the growth of the private security sector in international terms 3.4.
 - Limits to the privatisation of the police function 3.5.
 - State Monopoly of Criminal Investigation
- IV. Legal Framework for Private Security 4.1.
 - 4.1 Legal Framework of private security
 - Basic private security legislation 4.1.2.
 - 4.1.2 Alarm monitoring centres
 - 4.1.3 Transport, safekeeping, treatment and distribution of valuables; 4.1.4;
 - 4.1.4. private security systems in catering or drinking establishments
 - Security in sport
 - 4.1.6. Recruitment and training
 - Security Director; 4.1.8.
 - 4.1.8. Professional cards and categories
 - 4.1.9 Use of K9
 - 4.1.10. Rules governing the use and carriage of firearms 4.2.
 - 4.2 Criminal Procedure Legislation, Precautionary and Police Measures
 - Duty of Collaboration and criminal investigation
 - 4.4. Obligatoriness of private security 4.5.
 - 4.5 Means available to private security
 - Characterisation of the sector in Portugal
 - 4.7. Exogenous control of the activity
 - Private exercise of police functions 4.9.
 - Video surveillance and new technologies
 - 4.10. Legal Regime of Data Protection
- V. Future Prospects
 - Professional Training 5.2.
 - 5.2. market trends
 - 5.3 Regulatory Role of the State



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19. Assessment Methods

Completion of two assessment tests. Participation in class activities: relevant intervention in-class activities (e.g. quality of oral and written expression, pertinence of the questions asked).

20. Didactic Resources

Primary and complementary bibliography.

Discussion forums.

Audiovisual resources (e.g. presentations, films, web pages).

21. Sustainability Objectives

The sustainability goals for private security uc according to the 2030 Agenda, aim to promote the safety and security of people, property and information while contributing to sustainable development. These objectives include ensuring human rights, respecting privacy, managing risks responsibly, preventing crimes and security incidents, promoting ethical and transparent practices, and collaborating with local communities.

22. Keywords

Security,

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Public Security Policies.



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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): PICA DOS SANTOS, Nuno
Title: Da Atuação dos Seguranças Privados na Prevenção Criminal: a Intervenção perante o Crime
Edition: Year: 2017
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: ISCPSI

Author(s): ELIAS, Luís
Title: Ciências Policiais e Segurança Interna. Desafios e Prospetiva.
Edition: Year: 2018
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: ISCPSI

Author(s): JONES, Trevor
Title: Governing security: Pluralization, privatization, and polarization in crime control and policing
Edition: Year: 2007
Local: Oxford
Publisher: Oxford University Press

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): RODRIGUES, Norberto
Title: Segurança Privada em Portugal. Sistemas e Tendências
Edition: Year: 2011
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina

Author(s): GOUVEIA, Jorge Bacelar
Title: Direito da segurança: Cidadania, soberania e cosmopolitismo
Edition: Year: 2018
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina



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