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Course Unit Program
Ethics, Deontology and Legislation

Academic Year 2026/2027

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Architecture and Arts

2. Course

Architecture

3. Cycle

2nd

4. Course Unit

Ethics, Deontology and Legislation (01348)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

5th

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

Annual

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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:	60,00
Practical classes:	
Theoretical-Practical Classes	
Tutorial Guidance:	

9. ECTS Credits

4,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

Profª Doutora Arqtª MARIA DE FÁTIMA LINO FERREIRA

11. Regent

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Study of regulations applicable to architectural activity, namely of a deontological and legal nature. Knowledge of the applicable legal rules, whether in the skills of professionals in this area and in complementary areas, in procedures, or within the scope of the design of the architectural project.

15. Specific Objectives

Analysis of the deontology of the profession and the legal framework of architectural activity, at national and European level. The specific rules on the elaboration of the architectural project and its implications in professional practice.

16. Skills to be acquired

Competence to carry out the architectural activity in compliance with its deontological and legal constraints, namely through the ability to establish a consistent dialogue in matters of fact and law, legal approach, with the intervening parties throughout the process of processing, whether procedural or in the actual conceptual practice.

17. Teaching Methodology

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Systematic reference in exposing the themes of the program to concrete data related to subjects that form part of the normal universe of an architecture student. Elaborate summary tables for a better understanding of the legal themes related to the practice of the profession. Concrete examples in relation to the pleadings being presented. Support in the current legislation and its relation to concrete/practical events that facilitate its applicative understanding in the field of architecture.

18. Course Unit Program

1. Introduction
   1.1. architectural activity
   1.2. Ethics, deontology and legal in the architect's activity
   1.3. The law and its implications in the conceptual activity of the architect.

2. The deontology of the architectural profession

3. The legal status of the architect

   3.1. Professional qualification scheme in the field of building
   3.2. Rules of the Order of Architects
   3.3. Recognition of professional qualifications within the European Union
   3.4. Intellectual property

4. Introduction to the major legal blocks that condition architectural activity and that interfere in the elaboration of Architectural Projects:
   4.1. Soil preservation regimes (notions and implications)
   4.2. Immovable property regime (notions and implications)
   4.3. Protection of Cultural Heritage (concerns and appreciation)
   4.4. Technical rules on building
   4.5. Territorial Planning
   4.6. Urbanization and building regime

19. Assessment Methods

Relevant elements: attendance; oral intervention; elaboration and defense of written works; 2 written tests carried out in person or online; Individual work "The Two Sides of Responsibility" on applied legal analysis, based on the factual and legal basis of the architectural project under development in the Project discipline of the corresponding year. laws in force applied to projects.

20. Didactic Resources

Those available at the University Library and Information Center.
Legal documentation granted during classes and available to students.
Other means of supporting the study, regardless of the recommended bibliography:
- Electronic Republic Gazette;
- PGDL Attorney General of Lisbon - Public Ministry;
- Attorney General's Office Library.

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21. Sustainability Objectives

Sustainable Development Goals:A- Ensure equal access to quality technical, professional and cultural education. Quality education for all;B - Increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, which encourages them to evolve technically and professionally in a dynamic and entrepreneurial way.C - Guarantee equal opportunities in university education, including people in vulnerable situations. Decent work and economic growth;E-Ethics, Deontology and Legislation allows obt

22. Keywords

architect's deontology
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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): António Cordeiro
Title: O direito do arquitecto - Lições
Edition: Year: 2015
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Quid Juris
ISBN Code:

Author(s): Fernando Alves Correia
Title: Manual de direito do urbanismo (Vol. I, 4ª ed., 2008; Vols. II e III, 2010)
Edition: Year:
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina
ISBN Code:

Author(s): António Cordeiro
Title: Arquitectura e interesse público
Edition: Year: 2008
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina
ISBN Code:

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): José João Gonçalves de Proença
Title: Manual de Direito da Arquitectura - Ética, Deontologia e Legislação
Edition: 3ª Year: 2009
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Universidade Lusíada Editora
ISBN Code:

Author(s): Pedro Brandão
Title: A cidade entre desenhos - profissões do desenho, ética e interdisciplinaridade
Edition: Year: 2006
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Livros Horizonte

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