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Course Unit Program
European Union Law

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

LAW

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

European Union Law (02319)

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:	30,00
Practical classes:	15,00
Theoretical-Practical Classes	
Tutorial Guidance:	20,00

9. ECTS Credits

6,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutora MARIA MARGARIDA DO REGO DA COSTA SALEMA DE OLIVEIRA MARTINS

12. Assistants

Drª TERESA ANDRADE LEAL COELHO

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Basic training in the field of European Union Law, promoting essential knowledge of the legal and constitutional regime of the current European Union and the history of its founding treaties from the Treaty of Rome to the Treaty of Lisbon, as well as its extensions. It is also intended to convey a dynamic and not merely static perspective of this organization.

15. Specific Objectives

Learning the concepts, principles, sources and essential legal norms related to the institutional structure, functioning and activity of the European Union.

16. Skills to be acquired

General domain of European Union law, in its complexity, and in its evolution and enlargement. Ability to understand and interpret the main treaties and apply them. Ability to analyze derived European Union law in order to resolve legal and practical issues in particular raised within the scope of the Portuguese legal system, mainly considering the Portuguese judge as an applicator of this law.

17. Teaching Methodology

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Teaching is developed in a theoretical aspect, in plenary classes, focusing on the subjects included in the program in a doctrinal aspect and in a practical and tutorial aspect in subclass classes, implying the systematic analysis of the Treaty on the European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the study of the most relevant jurisprudence of the European Union Court of Justice and the resolution of practical cases. Navigation on the European Union website.

18. Course Unit Program

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Part I Introduction
1. The European Communities
1.1. Background
1.2. Historic evolution
1.3. Enlargements
1.4. Deepening
1.5. Withdrawal - Brexit
2. The European Union: the TEU and the TFEU
2.1. General considerations
2.2. Values, objectives and principles
2.3. The reinforced cooperations
2.4. External action and the Common Foreign and Security Policy ('CFSP')

Part II The Institutional Structure of the European Union
1. General considerations
2. The European Parliament
2.1. Composition
2.2. Organization and functioning
2.3. Competences
2.4. The role of National Parliaments in the European Union
2.5. Control of the principle of subsidiarity by national parliaments
3. The European Council
3.1. Composition. The President of the European Council
3.2. Competences
4. The Council of the European Union
4.1. Composition
4.2. Organization and functioning
4.3. Competences
4.4. The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
5. The European Commission
5.1. Composition
5.2. Organization and functioning
5.3. Competences
6. Decision-making procedures, in particular the ordinary legislative procedure
7. The Court of Justice of the European Union
8. The European Central Bank
9. The Court of Auditors
10. Other Bodies and Agencies of the European Union

Part III The Law of the European Union
1. The sources
1.1. The primary or original law
1.2. Secondary or derivative law

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1.3. The custom
1.4. The general principles of law
1.5. The jurisprudence
1.6. International law
2. The principles relating to the relationship between European Union law and the domestic law of the Member States
2.1. The primacy of European Union law
2.2. The direct effect
2.3. The responsibility of the State for damages caused to individuals due to violation of European Union Law
3. The application of European Union Law
4. The legal nature of the European Union and European Union Law

Part IV The policies and actions of the European Union
1. General considerations
2. The area of freedom, security and justice
3. The internal market
4. Economic, social and territorial cohesion
5. Economic and monetary union
6. Citizenship of the European Union
7. The international role of the European Union

19. Assessment Methods

Continuous assessment will be carried out through the completion of two written tests, oral interventions and participation in the presentation and resolution of practical cases, through which the degree of knowledge acquired, understood and applied by the student will be appreciated.

20. Didactic Resources

Learning to access websites on the Internet through the resources available in the classroom.
Resources Library, Media Library and European Documentation Center (CDE).
Adequate and up-to-date bibliography research.

21. Sustainability Objectives

In line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (5,10 e 16), foster a culture of peace, justice and promotion of the values enshrined in the EU Treaties to develop attitudes of respect for the fundamental values and principles on which the European Union is based.

22. Keywords

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Edition:	2.ª	Year:	2017
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Local:	Coimbra		
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