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Course Unit Program
Civil Procedure Law

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

LAW

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Civil Procedure Law (02320)

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. Doutor ANTÓNIO JULIO DA FONSECA SANTOS CUNHA

12. Assistants

Dr. JOSE CARLOS GARCIA DOS SANTOS

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Provide students with the necessary knowledge to master legislation and judicial practices, which govern legal actions whose object is the application/implementation of civil and commercial law, and in particular the acts that can be practiced in court, from the presentation of the "petição inicial" up to the delivery of "sentença final"..

15. Specific Objectives

knowledge of:
- Discipline of the common declarative process and its respective phases
- Prevailing guidelines in higher courts
- Elements of court practice

16. Skills to be acquired

Technical knowledge necessary to practice law in the civil law courts (lawyer/Barrister,judge)

Critical and reflective thinking in the understanding and practice of Law: law in action

17. Teaching Methodology

Methodology, when possible, active, aiming to make students protagonists in the process of knowledge construction, not limited to memorizing or uncritically representing the subject taught.
Use of simulation (o proceedings situations) with student intervention.
Resolution of concrete cases (case method)
Encouraging investigation and case law. Conducting argumentative debate

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18. Course Unit Program

I - General elements

1. The Civil Procedure Law. Notion, characterization and importance.
2. Civil actions. Form and purposes.
3. The fundamental principles of Civil Procedure Law.

II- The common declarative proceeding

1. Pleadings phase
- Initial pleading ("Complaint"): Causa petendi e Petitum
- Contestation (opposition)
- Replay
- Supervening pleadings

2. Initial Procedure Management and first audience phase

3. "Discovery" phase

4. Trial phase (Evidence in court and final debates)

5. Sentence (final decision) phase

19. Assessment Methods

The following aspects will be considered especially relevant, in accordance with the Regulation in force:
- Attendance
- Written works
- Participation in classes, in the resolution of proposed practical cases
- Written test results

20. Didactic Resources

PowerPoint
Moodle
Online databases (Court decisions)

21. Sustainability Objectives

General 1 - Ensure equal access to education. 2 - Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications. 3 - Ensure equal opportunities in university education. 4 - Promoting the gradual dematerialization of the teaching/learning process.
Specific 1 - Promote the rule of law. 2 - Contribute to responsible decision-making

22. Keywords

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	Cunha, António Júlio		
Title:	Direito Processual Civil Declarativo (esgotado)		
Edition:	2º	Year:	2015
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Quid Juris		

Author(s):	Freitas, Lebre de		
Title:	A Acção Declarativa Comum, à luz do Código Revisto		
Edition:	5ª Edição	Year:	2023
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Gestlegal		

Author(s):	Castro Mendes / Teixeira de Sousa		
Title:	Manual de Processo Civil (vols iI e II)		
Edition:	1º	Year:	2022
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	AAFDL		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Varela, João de Matos Antunes		
Title:	Manual de Direito Processual Civil		
Edition:	2ª	Year:	1986
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Coimbra Editora		

Author(s):	Sousa, Miguel Teixeira de		
Title:	Estudos Sobre o novo Processo Civil		
Edition:	2ª	Year:	1998
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Lex		

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