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Course Unit Program
Family Law

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

LAW

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Family Law (02321)

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 ANA SOFIA DA SILVA GOMES

12. Assistants

Dr. GONÇALO SARAIVA DUARTE REDONDO

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

The general objectives of the Family Law curricular unit are the in-depth study of legal relations and the respective regulation. For this purpose, the matter is divided into several chapters: family law as a complex normative system: internal and international sources (International Conventions and Regulations of the European Union), sources of family relations, matrimonial law (personal and patrimonial effects of marriage), filiation, adoption, civil sponsorship and maintenance.

15. Specific Objectives

Study of family and para-family legal relationships and their internal and multi-localized framework and the problem raised by the relevance of canonical matrimonial law in our legal system.

16. Skills to be acquired

With the study of family law, the aim is to provide students with a thorough preparation for the appreciation and resolution of all the issues that family relationships raise in the context of modern social life, taking into account their legal and practical importance and also the sociological projection.

17. Teaching Methodology

Conceptual analysis of the different types of family and para-family relationships, as well as the practical illustration of family phenomena in the various aspects of their genesis, development, extension or modification.

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18. Course Unit Program

General Part: General notions essentially related to the notion of family law and family and family relationships. Sources of Family Law: of national origin and provisions of international origin (International Conventions and European Union Law - Regulations).
Special Part: particular attention is paid to the legally established discipline for regulating family relationships, considering kinship, affinity, marriage and adoption as such, marriage deserving a development adjusted to its complexity and structure. The special part also covers the study of human artificial procreation, filiation (including the exercise of parental responsibilities), whether it originates from the act of natural birth (natural filiation) or results from the constitution of the adoption relationship. Civil sponsorship is also analyzed from the perspective of relevant legal effects for children.

19. Assessment Methods

- Continuous assessment (periodic tests, practical classes and written assignments).
- Final evaluation (frequency exams and final evaluation).

20. Didactic Resources

- Applicable legislation
- Bibliography
- Judicial decisions of national courts, the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights.

21. Sustainability Objectives

The curricular unit aims to contribute to sustainability in the following areas:

general

1 - Ensure equal access to quality technical, professional and cultural education.

2 - Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, including technical and professional skills, for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.

3 - Guarantee equal opportunities in university education, including for people in vulnerable situations.

4 ? Promoting the

22. Keywords

The family as the fundamental cell of society's organization.
Family law.
parental responsibilitie

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	Oliveira, Guilherme de		
Title:	Manual de Direito da Família, Vol. I		
Edition:	2.ª Edição R	Year:	2022
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		

Author(s):	Jorge Duarte Pinheiro		
Title:	O Direito da Família Contemporâneo		
Edition:		Year:	2020
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Gestlegal		

Author(s):	Ana Sofia Gomes		
Title:	Responsabilidades Parentais		
Edition:	3.ª Edição	Year:	2012
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Quid Iuris		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Ana Sofia Gomes		
Title:	Atas da conferência internacional sobre direito(s) das crianças: novos regimes nacionais e direito t		
Edition:	1.ª	Year:	2017
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Universidade Lusiada Editora		

Author(s):	Maria Eduarda Azevedo/ Ana Sofia Gomes (Eds.)		
Title:	Direito da Familia e dos Menores		
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