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Course Unit Program
Private International Law

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

LAW

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Private International Law (02333)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

4th

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

1st 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

Prof. Doutor MIGUEL CARLOS DE BARROS E CUNHA PEREIRA COUTINHO

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

The subject of Private International Law aims to introduce students to the problems raised by the regulation of situations of international private life, i.e., legal situations that are in contact, through any of its elements, with more than one national legal system and the solutions for them enshrined in current law.

15. Specific Objectives

The main rules of conflict of laws in the area of internal, European and international sources that are in force in the Portuguese legal order will be examined, as well as the principles and rules that govern their interpretation and application.

16. Skills to be acquired

The student is introduced to problems arising from the transnational jus reality, and must acquire the ability to solve legal problems arising from concrete situations subsumable in Private International Law.

17. Teaching Methodology

Exposition of syllabus contents in theoretical classes and resolution of practical hypotheses in practical classes, with analysis of legislation, judicial decisions, national, European and international, realization of written and oral works by students, involving students in all activities, including promotion of debates. The curricular unit operates both under continuous assessment and final assessment.

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18. Course Unit Program

PART I
INTRODUCTION

§ 1. Subject matter and scope; its timeliness and importance
§ 2. Course plan
§ 3. Bibliographic guidance
§ 4. Values
§ 5. Methods
§ 6 Sources
§ 7. Private International Law and other legal disciplines
§ 8. European freedoms and private international law

PART II
CONFLICT LAW

Chapter I
General problems of interpretation and application of conflict rules

§ 9. The conflict rule
§ 10. The qualification
§ 11. The interpretation and implementation of the connecting element
§ 12.º The forwarding
§ 13. The reference to complex legal systems
§ 14 Fraud of the law
§ 15.º The exception clauses
§ 16.º The effectiveness of internationally mandatory norms
§ 17. The interpretation and application of foreign law
§ 18. The reservation of international public order

Chapter II
The existing conflict rule system

§ 19.º Personal law of natural persons
§ 20.º Personal law of legal persons and related problems
§ 21.º Legal status of foreigners: general principles
§ 22. Family and similar relationships
§ 23. Succession mortis causa
§ 24. Contractual obligations
§ 25.º Non-contractual civil liability
§ 26.º Pre-contractual liability
§ 27. Unjustified enrichment
§ 28. Business management
§ 29. Rights in rem

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19. Assessment Methods

Continuous assessment is carried out through mandatory tests and individual and group work, in addition to personal contacts in practical classes and tutorials.

20. Didactic Resources

- Applicable legislation (Portuguese Civil Code, Regulations (EC) nºs 1346/2000, 864/2007, 583/2008, 4/2009, 1259/2010, 650/2012, 2016/1103 and 2016/1104

21. Sustainability Objectives

The Curricular Unit of Private International Law 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 sit

22. Keywords

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Title:	O contrato comercial Internacional no Regulamento Roma I: conceito e regime legal		
Edition:	1.ª	Year:	2025
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