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Course Unit Program
Environmental Law

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

LAW

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Environmental Law (02341)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

4th

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 MIGUEL CARLOS DE BARROS E CUNHA PEREIRA COUTINHO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Raise interest in the study of environmental issues, paving the way for an academic and professional specialization, within the scope of a legal issue, as recent as it is important, the object of a fertile and innovative legislative production.

15. Specific Objectives

Enable students with the necessary skills and knowledge so that, in the future, they can have the necessary technical skills to develop their professional activity in the field of Environmental Law.

16. Skills to be acquired

Preparation for the application of acquired knowledge to legal practice, providing students with consistent specific training, stimulating their critical capacity and providing them with the necessary technical aptitude to be able to apply the acquired knowledge to the problems raised, whether in academic terms or in their future professional life.

17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical-practical exposition of the syllabus content in interaction with the students (in the theoretical classes), complemented with the resolution of practical hypotheses (in the practical classes), still promoting thematic research, exposed, debated and accompanied (in the tutorial classes), always with the aim of deepening the knowledge acquired by the students.

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18. Course Unit Program

I - Introduction. 1. General framework. 2. Constitutional foundations of the Right to the Environment. 3. Main characteristics of Environmental Law. 4. Material principles of Environmental Law. 5. General typology of "environmental damage".
II - Some instruments of the environmental assessment and management policy. 1. General framework. 2. Economic and financial instruments. 3. Assessment instruments (Environmental impact assessment and integrated pollution prevention and control).
III - The circular economy. 1. Waste, general framework. 2. General regime of waste management. 3. Management regime for specific waste streams. 4. Regime for reducing the impact of plastic products on the environment and the extended producer responsibility regime for certain single-use plastic products (Directive 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 and DL nº 83/ 2022 of December 9th).
IV - Environmental responsibility. 1. Introduction and general conceptual framework. 2. Community law (namely Directive 2004/35/EC). 3. Domestic Law. a) The Basic Environmental Law (Law No. 19/2014 of April 14). b) DL 147/2008 of 29 July. c) Law nº 83/95 of 31 August. 4. On damages, the particular case of collective moral damages. 5. Against environmental ordinances (Law nº 50/2006 of 29 August). 6. Environmental crimes in general.

19. Assessment Methods

Two written tests. Oral participation in classes. Ability to develop relevant research on the topics taught. Other elements considered relevant under the terms of the general regime of knowledge assessment.

20. Didactic Resources

General and specialized library, recommended specific bibliography, recommended legislative documents. If relevant summaries developed on the given matter. All those that prove to be necessary and appropriate.

21. Sustainability Objectives

The Curricular Unit of Environmental Law will contribute to sustainability (in addition to specific domains) in the general domain, by way of: 1 - Ensuring 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 - Ensure global equality of opportunities in university education

22. Keywords

Environment.
Environmental Law.
Principles.
Waste.
Environmental responsibility.
Environmental

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	Miguel Pereira Coutinho		
Title:	Da responsabilidade civil ambiental: Sua adesão ao processo penal português.		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2015
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		

Author(s):	António Barreto Archer		
Title:	Direito do ambiente e responsabilidade civil.		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2009
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		

Author(s):	Carla Amado Gomes		
Title:	Introdução ao direito do ambiente.		
Edition:	5ª	Year:	2022
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	AAFDL		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Sofia Sá		
Title:	Responsabilidade Ambiental		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2011
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Vida Económica		

Author(s):	Branca Martins da Cruz		
Title:	Revista Direito e Ambiente. Desenvolvimento Sustentável e Responsabilidade Ambiental (pp. 9-53).		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2008
Local:	Lisboa.		
Publisher:	Universídade Lusíada Editora		

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