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Course Unit Program
Elective II - International Economic Law

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

LAW

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Elective II - International Economic Law (02382)

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:	
Theoretical-Practical Classes	
Tutorial Guidance:	20,00

9. ECTS Credits

6,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutor MANUEL CARLOS LOPES PORTO

12. Assistants

Prof. Doutora ANA SOFIA DE ASSIS PACHECO DA SILVA

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

General understanding of international economic law, its origin and evolution, its relationship with domestic law, the subjects of international economic law and the international norms that intensify and regulate international economic cooperation.

15. Specific Objectives

Understanding the sources of international economic law, the rules and general principles of international economic law.

16. Skills to be acquired

Knowledge of the rules and general principles of international economic law. Ability to interpret sources.

17. Teaching Methodology

It is divided into a theoretical part, exposing the most relevant subjects, and a tutorial part, more dedicated to the presentation of works and clarification of doubts in plenary classes.

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I Introduction

1. The importance of international economic relations
2. The alternation between free trade and protectionism in the recent history of facts and economic science
   In the history of facts
   in the history of science
3. The new world map
   An increasingly globalized world
   With the formation of regional blocks
4. The new features of the world board
   a multipolar world
  With a clear approximation of economies (e.g. with IIT, relocations and outsourcing)
5. The logic of blocks
5.1. As steps towards world free trade
5.2. The especially relevant case of the European Union:
   a) As an important space for all other areas of the world
   b) The steps taken towards increasing business opportunities

II. The Development of the Concept of International Economic Law

1. Characterization
2. International economic law and international economic order
3. Evolution prospects

III. the european framework

1. The institutional framework (brief references)
2. The basic economic policies of the European Union
2.1. Policies aimed at increasing circulation and competition
   a) Competition policy (brief references)
   b) Transport policy
   c) monetary policy
   d) The free movement of factors
2.2. Sectoral policies
   a) The common agricultural policy (CAP)
   b) Fisheries policy
   c) Industrial policy
   d) Research and technological development (R&D) policy
   e) Energy policy
   f) Environmental policy
2.3. Economic and social cohesion and regional policy
2.4. The "1993 single market" and the euro

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2.5. The Europe 2020 Strategy and the Financial Framework for 2014-2020
2.6. The problem of enlargements
2.7. The European Union vis-à-vis the outside world. The New Neighborhood Policy
3. Other European institutions
3.1. the EFTA
3.2. The European Economic Area

IV. Other regional institutions

1. Integration organizations
1.1. MERCOSUR
1.2. Other institutions on the American continent
1.3. African Institutions
1.4. Asian Institutions
2. Other organizations

V. The World Board

1. The World Trade Organization (WTO):
1.1. The conferences leading up to the Uruguay Round (the GATT)
1.2. The institutional structure
1.3. The ways of intervention
   a) Strengthening multilateral discipline
   b) Improved access to markets
   c) The extension of the field of application
2. The World Bank Group: The IBRD
2.1. Formation and objectives
2.2. organic
2.3. Financial means and form of action
2.4. Evolution and evaluation
2.5. Other Group institutions
3. The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
3.1. Background
3.2. The creation of the IMF
3.3. The IMF and the evolution of the international monetary system
3.4. Amendments to the Bylaws
3.5. Organization and operation. Assessment

SAW. The right to development
1. The right to development within the framework of fundamental rights
2. Legal nature of the right to development
3. Legal regime of the right to development
4. Development and freedom

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19. Assessment Methods

Assessment is based on two assessment written tests and an oral presentation.

20. Didactic Resources

See below

21. Sustainability Objectives

1 - Promote the rule of law, and guarantee equality and universal access to justice.
2 - Contribute to responsible, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.

22. Keywords

International economic law
International cooperation

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	Manuel Lopes Porto		
Title:	Teoria da integração e políticas da União Europeia		
Edition:	5.ª	Year:	2017
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		

Author(s):	Eduardo Paz Ferreira		
Title:	Valores e Interesses - Desenvolvimento Económico e Política Comunitária de Cooperação		
Edition:	1.ª	Year:	2004
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		

Author(s):	Manuel Lopes Porto		
Title:	A Estratégia 2020: visando um crescimento inteligente, sustentável e inclusivo. Hom. Gomes Canotilho		
Edition:	Vol. IV	Year:	2012
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Coimbra Editora		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Manuel Lopes Porto, João R. Catarino e José F. F. Tavares (coord)		
Title:	O Sistema Financeiro Atual e Futuro da União Europeia, em Finanças Públicas da União Europeia		
Edition:	pp-87-108	Year:	2012
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		

Author(s):	Luís D. S. Morais		
Title:	Direito Internacional Económico. Uma Introdução		
Edition:	2ª	Year:	2011
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Associação Académica da Faculdade de Direito de Lisboa (AAFDL)		

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