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Course Unit Program
Introduction to Law Studies

Academic Year 2026/2027

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences

2. Course

ECONOMICS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Introduction to Law Studies (03304)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

1st Semester



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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:

Practical classes:

Theoretical-Practical Classes 30,00

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

Prepare students for the study of different legal subjects by introducing them to the world of law and its basic scientific concepts, and by familiarising them with legal reasoning, so that they can understand the foundations of the complex legal phenomenon as a whole. Provide a general understanding of how law arises, what it consists of and how it is applied.

15. Specific Objectives

Start the legal training of students in this scientific area and curricular unit, with fundamental notions of law, notions that allow them to understand the legal subjects taught in the curricular units of the different years of this degree. Introduction to legal thought. Allow students to acquire knowledge on the specific topics of this curricular unit.

16. Skills to be acquired

Domain and understanding of the fundamental concepts and notions of Law taught. Knowing how to apply acquired knowledge to new situations. Knowing how to consult, interpret and relate the concrete parts of the legal instruments that are being mentioned, with the concepts studied and other subjects taught. Resolution and understanding of practical cases presented.

17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical development of subjects in plenary theoretical-practical classes. Practical application of notions and concepts in practical classes, through the study and analysis of cases, with systematic interventions by students. Preparation of assignments on the subjects taught.



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18. Course Unit Program

1. General notions of Law.
2. Sources of Law.
3. Branches of Law.
4. The Legal Norm.
5. Interpretation, Integration and Application of the Law.
6. Subjects of Law.
7. Enforcement of Law and Protection of Rights.

19. Assessment Methods

The Regulations for the Assessment of Knowledge and Skills currently in force will apply. Under continuous assessment, oral contributions distributed throughout the teaching period and a final written test will be mandatory.

20. Didactic Resources

Listed bibliography.
Civil Code.
Constitution of the Portuguese Republic.
Moodle.
Detailed class outlines (to be provided when relevant).
Additional bibliographic resources available at the Lusíada University Library.

21. Sustainability Objectives

The Introduction to the Study of Law 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.

22. Keywords

Law.
Legal Order.
Legal System.
Legal Norm.
Statute.



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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): Pedro Trovão do Rosário, Ana Bothe, António Carlos dos Santos, António Pedro Ferreira
Title: Introdução ao Direito
Edition: Reimpressão Year: 2021
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina
ISBN Code:

Author(s): Diogo Freitas do Amaral
Title: Manual de Introdução ao Direito - Vol I e II
Edition: Reimpressão Year: 2019
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina
ISBN Code:

Author(s): Inocêncio Galvão Telles
Title: Introdução ao Estudo do Direito - Vol. I e II
Edition: 11ª/10ª Year: 2010
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Coimbra Editora
ISBN Code:

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): Barbosa Rodrigues, L.
Title: Introdução ao Direito - Interno e Internacional
Edition: 3ª Year: 2018
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Quid Juris
ISBN Code:

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