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Course Unit Program
Sociology of International Relations

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Sociology of International Relations (07406)

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:	

9. ECTS Credits

3,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutor ANTÓNIO MANUEL GONÇALVES ALEXANDRE

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

To expose international relations students to the various methods and fundamental issues in the study of sociology, specifically the sociology of international relations, presenting its various conceptions, factors and the problems of the international system.

15. Specific Objectives

To understand the sociology of international relations within its broader spectrum of sociology, developing a reflection on the various challenges and paradigms of international relations that remain from the evolution of the theoretical field to the most recent and current contemporary risks and crises. The study of the sociology of international relations requires a correct understanding and comprehension of the international system.

16. Skills to be acquired

Students in the 1st cycle of studies (degree in International Relations) are asked to obtain a first approach to sociological concepts, using research methodologies from social sciences in the survey and diagnosis of facts in international relations, as well as the ability to distinguish, evaluate and understand the different theories and phenomena of international relations, according to their historical-social context.

17. Teaching Methodology

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The teaching methodologies are consistent with the learning objectives of the curricular unit, given that the expository methodology makes it possible to specifically reach the various concepts and their practical applications. The teaching methodology aimed at students in the 1st cycle of studies requires the qualification of the knowledge presented, and the development and evaluation of their academic skills and competencies as a specialist in international relations.

18. Course Unit Program

1. Sociology and political thought
2. The different conceptions of international relations
3. International concepts
4. The different actors in international relations
5. The international system and its complexities
6. Challenges for Sociology and International Relations

19. Assessment Methods

The evaluation system is carried out in accordance with the rules defined in the General Regulation for Knowledge Assessment of Lusíada Universities. In this sense, continuous assessment is taken into consideration, including attendance, participation and the completion of two interim assessment tests.

20. Didactic Resources

Theoretical-practical classes, where the content will be presented using the indicated bibliography of books and texts, exploring and interpreting, based on the structure of the classes. Although the theoretical component predominates in this discipline, practical classes may be centered on the analysis and discussion of scientific texts, as well as other documentary sources and the carrying out of exercises to apply the knowledge transmitted.

21. Sustainability Objectives

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 vocational skills, for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.

22. Keywords

Sociology
International Relations
States
Globalization

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): Guillaume Devin
Title: Sociologie des relations internationales
Edition: Year: 2018
Local:
Publisher: Éditions La Découverte

Author(s): Marcel Merle
Title: The Sociology of International Relations
Edition: Year: 1992
Local:
Publisher: Berg Publishers

Author(s): Alexander Wendt
Title: A Sociologia Política Internacional Distante da Grande Síntese: Como Articular Relações entre as Dis
Edition: Year: 2013
Local:
Publisher: Cambridge University Press

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): Pierre Bourdieu
Title: O Poder Simbólico
Edition: Year: 2021
Local:
Publisher: Edições 70

Author(s): Immanuel Wallerstein
Title: World-systems Analysis
Edition: Year: 2004
Local:
Publisher: Duke University Press

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