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Course Unit Program
Introduction to Economics

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Introduction to Economics (07407)

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. Doutora ANA SOFIA DE ASSIS PACHECO DA SILVA

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

The aim is to provide future graduates with a solid grounding in economics, enabling them not only to understand the fundamental phenomena in this area (economic cycle, scarcity, markets, prices, competition, currency), but also to understand the importance of economics in international relations and within the framework of the European Union.

15. Specific Objectives

The aim is to provide first-year international relations students with a global view of the economy, so that they can better understand the origins and functioning of its institutions from the perspective of scarcity, the satisfaction of needs, the allocation of public and private resources, and the choices made by existing economic systems to satisfy individual and collective needs.

16. Skills to be acquired

Acquisition of basic but solid knowledge in economics.

17. Teaching Methodology

Two assessment tests and permanent dialogue in participated classes

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18. Course Unit Program

Cap. I. Political Economics - concept and etymology.
Cap. II. Political Economics and Economic Systems.
Cap. III.Borrows and economic interdependence.
Cap. IV. Prices and their construction.
Cap. V. State, market and resource allocation.
Cap. VI. Demand in competitive markets.
Cap. VII. Offer in competitive markets.
Cap.VIII. Efficiency in competitive markets.
Cap.9. Markets of imperfect competition.
Cap. 10. Income sharing and production factors market.
Cap. 11. Money and monetary economics

19. Assessment Methods

Two assessment tests

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

Scarcity and abundance
Stability
Efficiency and equity
Full employment

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	SAMUELSON, Paul; NORDHAUS, William		
Title:	Economia		
Edition:	19ª	Year:	2011
Local:	Queluz		
Publisher:	MacGraw Will		
ISBN Code:			

Author(s):	NEVES, João Luís César das		
Title:	Introdução à Economia		
Edition:	9ª	Year:	2011
Local:	Queluz		
Publisher:	Verbo		
ISBN Code:			

Author(s):	ARAÚJO, Fernando		
Title:	Introdução à Economia		
Edition:	3ª	Year:	2014
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		
ISBN Code:			

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	PORTO, Manuel Lopes;		
Title:	Economia: Um texto introdutório		
Edition:	4ª	Year:	2014
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		
ISBN Code:			

Author(s):	Martinez, Pedro Soares		
Title:	Economia Política		
Edition:	10ª	Year:	2005
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		
ISBN Code:			

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