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Course Unit Program
History of International Relations

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

History of International Relations (07409)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

2nd 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 CARLOS CESAR LIMA DA SILVA MÓTA

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Acquisition of knowledge of the History of International Relations, predominantly within the scope of a Eurocentrist vision, in the chronological arc from 1815 to 1945.

15. Specific Objectives

Acquisition and memorization of the most relevant historical facts, with a view to mastering the knowledge of international relations and their systemic development. Training to understand the macrostructure of those relations and the regional areas involved, in the process of their evolution and systemic development.

16. Skills to be acquired

Ability to memorize and relate historical facts relevant to the systemic understanding of international relations, whether at the macro level or even at the micro level, which allows, in this field, the understanding of the past, with a view to interpreting the present and perspective on the future. future.

17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical-practical classes with audio-visual support.
Tutoring classes, with reading guidance, research recommendations, case studies and verification of knowledge acquisition.

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18. Course Unit Program

I. CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE VIENNA SYSTEM.
1. Restoration, counter-revolution and compromise.
2. The European balance of 1815.
3. Liberalism, democracy and nationality.

II. THE "COLLAPSE" OF THE VIENNA SYSTEM.
1. The Crimean War.
2. Italian unification.
3. German unification.

III. DIPLOMATIC STABILIZATION SUBSYSTEMS.
1. German preponderance in Europe.
2. The colonial expansion of Europe.
3. The dawn of Europe's competitors.

IV. IMPERIALISM AND DEVIATIONS TOWARDS CONFRONTATION.
1. The clash of European imperialisms.
2. Imperialism in the Far East.
3. European confrontation and the rush to war.

V. THE I GREAT WORLD WAR.
1. The "blocks" and secret treaties.
2. The US entry into the war.
3. The Peace Treaties and their consequences.

SAW. THE "VERSAILLES SYSTEM" AND ITS WEAKNESSES.
1. Attempts for a European balance.
2. The major extra-European problems.
3. The apogee of "collective security".

VII. ECONOMIC CRISIS AND NEW POLITICAL CRISES.
1. The 1929 crisis and its consequences.
2. Europe and "Hitlerian" Germany.
3. The World in the 1930s.

VIII. THE II GREAT WORLD WAR.
1. Europe on the eve of new conflict.
2. War and its globalization.
3. The victory of the "Allies".

19. Assessment Methods

General Regulations for Knowledge Assessment.

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20. Didactic Resources

Maps and other audio-visual media.

21. Sustainability Objectives

Ensure equal access to quality technical, professional and cultural education.
Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, including technical and professional skills, for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.
Guarantee equal opportunities in university education, including for people in vulnerable situations.
Promote the dematerialization of the teaching/learning process gradually.

22. Keywords

Contemporary history
International Politics
International relations

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	DUROSELLE, Jean-Baptiste; KASPI, André		
Title:	Histoire des Relations Internationales, de 1919-1945		
Edition:	16ème	Year:	2017
Local:	Paris		
Publisher:	Armand Colin		

Author(s):	YOUNG, John: KENT. John		
Title:	International Relations since 1945		
Edition:		Year:	2020
Local:	Oxford		
Publisher:	Oxford University Press		

Author(s):	MILZA, Pierre		
Title:	Les Relations Internationales de 1871 a 1914		
Edition:	4ème	Year:	2014
Local:	Paris		
Publisher:	Armand Colin		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	MOUGUEL, François-Charles		
Title:	Histoire des Relations UInternationales de 1815 à nos jours		
Edition:		Year:	2023
Local:	Paris		
Publisher:	PUF		

Author(s):	GRAY, Colin		
Title:	War, Peace and International Relations: An Introduction to Strategic Hiistory		
Edition:	third	Year:	2023
Local:	London		
Publisher:	Routledge		

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