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Course Unit Program
Contemporary International Politics

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Contemporary International Politics (07412)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

2nd

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 JOÃO PAULO SANTOS DE CASTRO FERNANDES

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

15. Specific Objectives

Acquisition of knowledge of Contemporary International Politics, from 1945 to the present: The Genesis and development of the "cold war" to their end and the establishment of a "new world order".

16. Skills to be acquired

17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical Classes and Tutorial Classes: Classes with AV support, TEXTS IN ENGLISH, documentarys and films.

18. Course Unit Program

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WORLD AFTER WORLD WAR II
- The immediate consequences of the war:The containment and the Truman Doctrine
- The europe invasion by USSR
- The superpowers and the balance of power relations:
- The Berlin Blockade and the NATO foundation

GENESIS AND DEVELOPMENT OF "COLD WAR".
- Fall of the "Grand Alliance".
- Korean War.
- Foundation of Warsaw Pact
- Anticommunist riots in the Eastern bloc:
- The soviet invasion of Hungary and Czechoslovakia
- Berlin Wall Construction

SUPERPOWERS AND THE THIRD WORLD: THE MIDDLE EAST AND LATIN AMERICA.
- Crisis of the Cuban Missile
- Israeli-Arab conflicts

END OF THE COLD WAR AND THE COMMUNIST BLOCK IMPLOSION.
- John Paul II's election and the Vatican diplomacy
- the Gorbachevian Governance": the end of the Soviet Union.
- East revolutions.
- Fall of the Berlin Wall

The end OF soviet Union

A new phase of the Cold War - the invasion of Ukraine and the Western support (2022 till now)

19. Assessment Methods

Students shall be evaluated according the following options: A) Continuous evaluation: Two written tests during the semester. The themes in the first test are not repeated in the second test. B) Compulsory Written exam and a final oral examination.

20. Didactic Resources

21. Sustainability Objectives

general

1 - Ensure equal access to education.

2 - Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications and Skills.

3 - Guarantee equal opportunities in higher education.

4 - Promote interaction between student and teacher and gradually adopt less paper in the teaching/learning process.

Specifics

1 - Promote a fair society where merit is promoted and not promote the "job for the boys"in a party democracy who leads to facilitism.

2 - Contribute to respon

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22. Keywords

Politics
Strategy
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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	Garton Ash, Timothy		
Title:	Pátrias Uma História Pessoal da Europa		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2023
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Temas e Debates		

Author(s):	Judt, Tony		
Title:	Postguerra - Una historia de Europa desde 1945		
Edition:	4ª	Year:	2010
Local:	Madrid		
Publisher:	Taurus		

Author(s):	Gorbatchov, Mikhail		
Title:	Que está em Jogo? o Futuro do Mundo Global		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2021
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Edições 70		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Taubman, William		
Title:	Gorbatchev, a Biografia		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2018
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Desassossego		

Author(s):	Garton Ash, Timothy		
Title:	História do Presente: um reencontro com a Europa dos anos 90		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2001
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Editorial Noticias		

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