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Course Unit Program
International Relations Theories

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

International Relations Theories (07413)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

2nd

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 VITOR MANUEL RAMON FERNANDES

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

The general objectives of this course unit are to contribute to the development of the students's analytical capabilities providing them with in-depth knowledge of the different theories of international relations in order for them to better understand and analyse matters related to international affairs.

15. Specific Objectives

The main objectives of this course unit are to stimulate students to scientific analysis providing them with the ontological and epistemological background in order to better interpret matters occurring within the international system.

16. Skills to be acquired

Students are expected to acquire the competences in terms of content kowledge and analytical skills for the study of internacional relations.

17. Teaching Methodology

To center the teaching and learning process according to the integrated participation of the students and an interaction between the lecture and the students according to the paradigm underlined within the Bologna Process.

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1. Theoretical and conceptual background
2. The origins of the discipline of International Relations Theory
3. Classical Liberalism
4. Clasical Realism
5. The English School of International Relations
6. The Second and the Third 'Great Debates' in international relations
7. Neorealism or Structuram Realism
8. Neoliberalism or Institutionalist Liberalism and the 'Neo-Neo' synthesis
9. Neoclassical Realism
10. Marxist and Neo-Marxist Theories
11. Constructivism
12. Critical Theory
13. Poststructuralism and Postmodernism
14. Feminist Approaches to International Relations
15. Postcolonialism
16. Normative Theory of International Relations
17. Green Theory or 'Green Politics'
18. Progress in international relations and in the Theory of International Relations.

19. Assessment Methods

According to the University regulations.

20. Didactic Resources

Recommended bibliography.
Digital resources.
Analysis of academic articles and other sources considered relevant.

21. Sustainability Objectives

This course unit wishes to contribute to sustainability in the following manner:
1. Ensure equality on what concerns access to a good quality technical education.
2. Guarantee equal level of opportunity in high level education.
3. To promote dematerialisation regarding the process of learning and teaching in a gradual way.

22. Keywords

International relations.
Theory.
Power.
Cooperation.
Ideas.

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	Tim Dunne, Milja Kurki, Katarina Kusic and Steve Smith (Eds.)		
Title:	International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity		
Edition:	6ª	Year:	2024
Local:	London		
Publisher:	Oxford University Press		

Author(s):	Richard Devetak and Jacqui True (Eds.)		
Title:	Theories of International Relations		
Edition:	6ª	Year:	2022
Local:	London and New York		
Publisher:	Bloomsbury Academic		

Author(s):	John Baylis, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens (Eds.)		
Title:	The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations		
Edition:	9ª	Year:	2022
Local:	Oxford		
Publisher:	Oxford University Press		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Vítor Ramon Fernandes		
Title:	Paz e Guerra em Raymond Aron - Ontologia e Epistemologia da Ordem Internacional		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2016
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Edições Instituto da Defesa Nacional		

Author(s):	Martin Griffiths (Ed.)		
Title:	International relations theory for the twenty-first century: an introduction		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2007
Local:	New York, New York		
Publisher:	Routledge		

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