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Course Unit Program
International Political Organizations

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

International Political Organizations (07415)

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 VITOR MANUEL RAMON FERNANDES

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

To enable students with essential knowledge about the nature, functions and main actions of a set of international political organizations, over historical time and in the context of today.

15. Specific Objectives

To provide students with essential information on:
- The history, concepts, and the classification and legal order of the main international organizations;
- Objectives, structure and functioning of these institutions in the context of international relations;
- The dynamics of its activities in different periods of international politics after World War II.

16. Skills to be acquired

- To identify the main international political organizations of today;
- To explain its importance, area of intervention, mode of operation and dynamics of interaction with other international actors;
- To contribute to studies and to the formulation of positions of national entities within the scope of the activities of international organizations.

17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical/practical classes and tutorial classes, which include mandatory reading, to support open, in-depth and up-to-date discussion, in class, of the various syllabus contents.

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18. Course Unit Program

1- Origin and historical evolution.
2- Structuring concepts and performance characteristics.
3- Classification of international organizations.
4- The League of Nations.
5- The UN.
6- NATO.
7- The WEU.
8- The Council of Europe.
9- The OSCE.

19. Assessment Methods

According to the University regulations.

20. Didactic Resources

Texts/articles/books recommended by the lecturer;
Illustrative slides of the classes taught;
Recommended bibliography.

21. Sustainability Objectives

1- To increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, including technical and professional skills;
2- To promote security, at the national and international levels, in compliance with the principles of the UN Charter, the Constitution and the Laws;
3- To contribute to respons ible, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at thepolitical and stratetgic levels of international relations.

22. Keywords

International organizations
International community
State
UN
NATO
WEU
CE
OSCE

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	ARCHER, Clive		
Title:	International Organizations		
Edition:	4ª	Year:	2014
Local:	London and New York		
Publisher:	Routledge		

Author(s):	CAMPOS, João Mota de (coordenador)		
Title:	Organizações Internacionais		
Edition:	4ª	Year:	2011
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Coimbra Editora		

Author(s):	BARKIN, Samuel		
Title:	International Organization: Theories and Institutions		
Edition:	3ª	Year:	2023
Local:	New York		
Publisher:	Palgrave Macmillan		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	KARNS, Margaret e MINGST, Karen		
Title:	International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance		
Edition:	3ª	Year:	2015
Local:	Boulder: CO		
Publisher:	Lynne Rienner Publishers		

Author(s):	VERNER, Feld, JORDAN Robert e Hurwitz, Leon		
Title:	International Organizations: A Comparative Approach		
Edition:	3ª	Year:	1994
Local:	New York		
Publisher:	Praeger		

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