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Course Unit Program
International Public Law

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

International Public Law (07418)

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. Doutora MARIA MARGARIDA DO REGO DA COSTA SALEMA DE OLIVEIRA MARTINS

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

General understanding of current International Law, its origin and evolution, the relationship between international law and domestic law, the subjects of International Law, the main topics covered by international norms, especially those norms that regulate new areas of international cooperation.

15. Specific Objectives

Theoretical understanding of the sources of international law, in particular treaties, and practical application, providing essential basic training for an expert in international relations to know the distinction between general or common international law and conventional international law. The study of the subjects of international law, international conflicts and international responsibility appears to be necessary in this curricular unit.

16. Skills to be acquired

Ability to use the concepts and rules of international law, from a legal and political perspective. Search capability of the sources of international law. Ability to interpret and apply international law instruments, especially treaties, and to understand international jurisprudence, analyzing real cases and resolving hypothetical cases.

17. Teaching Methodology

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The teaching of public international law is developed on a theoretical basis , with the regent explaining the essential aspects of the subjects included in the program, exposed doctrinally and on a practical and tutorial basis, implying a work of verification of the recommended support readings, the systematic analysis of the main selected international instruments, through the pertinent jurisprudence and the resolution of practical cases.

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Part I
Introduction
1. Public International Law: concept, origin, nature and grounding
2. The relationship between international law and the internal legal order of States
3. The relevance of international law in the Portuguese legal order

Part II
The sources of international law
1. General considerations
2. The custom
3. The treaties
4. General principles of law
5. Unilateral legal acts
6. Other sources

Part III
Subjects of International Law
1. Notion, classification
2. Personality and international capacity
3. The State. Sovereign and semi-sovereign state
4. State and Government recognition
5. Concept, delimitation and legal regime of the land, air and maritime space of the State
6. Other subjects of International Law
7. The individual as a subject of International Law

Part IV
International Organizations
1. Concept, evolution and classification
2. The United Nations
3. Some international organizations of which Portugal is a Member State.

Part V
international conflicts
1. Notion, types and means of solution
2. United Nations peacekeeping operations
3. Humanitarian intervention

Part VI
International Responsibility
1. General considerations
2. The international responsibility of the State
3. The individual's international responsibility

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19. Assessment Methods

Continuous assessment is carried out mainly through the completion of two written tests, which may additionally include oral interventions, reports of possible study visits or conferences, written works or simulation of debates in bodies of International Organizations, through which the student's abilities will be evaluated, in the various aspects of assessing the knowledge acquired, understood and applied by the student.

20. Didactic Resources

Library Resources
Media library resources
Multimedia resources (Internet) available in the classroom, for browsing sites, especially the United Nations, in tutorial and practical classes.

21. Sustainability Objectives

Bearing in mind the UN Sustainable Development Goals (5, 10 and 16), foster a legal and ethical culture on international issues of respect for human rights, democracy, rule of law, and the environment, in a peaceful context of loyal cooperation between States and other subjects of international law.

22. Keywords

International treaty
Sovereign State
International Organizations
International Conflicts

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Author(s):	MIRANDA, JORGE		
Title:	Curso de Direito Internacional Público		
Edition:	6.ª Edição Revist	Year:	2016
Local:	S. João do Estoril		
Publisher:	Principia		

Author(s):	DUARTE. MARIA LUISA		
Title:	Direito Internacional Público e a Ordem Jurídica Global do Século XXI		
Edition:	4.ª Rp 2021	Year:	2019
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	AAFDL- Editora		

Author(s):	JORGE BACELAR GOUVEIA		
Title:	Manual de Direito Internacional Público -		
Edition:	5.ª Edição	Year:	2017
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	BRITO, WLADIMIR		
Title:	Direito Internacional Público		
Edition:	2.ª	Year:	2023
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		

Author(s):	MARGARIDA SALEMA D'OLIVEIRA MARTINS e TERESA LEAL COELHO		
Title:	Casos e Materiais de Direito Internacional Público, Coletânea de Textos		
Edition:	1.ª	Year:	2023
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