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Course Unit Program
Present-Day Portuguese Foreign Policy

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Present-Day Portuguese Foreign Policy (07423)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

3rd

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. Doutora MARIA MIGUEL SOUSA GALITO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Address the main vectors of current Portuguese foreign policy, so that students may acquire skills on this matter.

15. Specific Objectives

Study the reasons behind the choices of the Portuguese governments, in terms of foreign policy, in the period after April 25, 1974.
Identify and analyze the paradigms, priorities and main guidelines of Portuguese foreign policy.
Acquire perspective and prospective knowledge and skills in this area of knowledge.

16. Skills to be acquired

Intellectual skills (apprehension and understanding of contents).
Practical skills (ability to apply knowledge).
Qualifications within the scope of analyzing world conflicts and tensions, in an integrated and systematic way, from a structured perspective.
Development of analysis/critique skills.

17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical-practical classes and tutoring classes using the most appropriate audiovisual means, which better enable the perception of the subjects taught.
In each working session, the teacher presents the subject and contextualizes concepts and problems; stresses the need for students to participate in classes; indicates the subject to be developed during the next working session and suggests bibliography.

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18. Course Unit Program

1. Strategic thinking
1.1 Concepts of Foreign Policy and Diplomacy
1.2 Types of Diplomacy
1.3 International Negotiation
1.4 Bilateral and Multilateral Relations
2. Strategic Planning
2.1 Axes of Portuguese Foreign Policy
2.2 Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mission, Functions, Organization and Services
2.3 Agents of Portuguese Foreign Policy
2.4 Economic Diplomacy and the AICEP Network
3. Evolution of Portuguese Foreign Policy (PEP) in the Third Republic. Main Stages
3.1 PEP before the Revolution of April 25, 1974
3.2 PEP during the Provisional Governments (1974/1976)
3.3 PEP between 1976 and 1986
3.4 PEP between 1987 and 1999
3.5 PEP between 2000 and 2010
3.6 PEP during the Troika (2011/2014)
3.7 PEP after 2015
4. PEP sub-themes
4.1 Portuguese Communities. Developments in Relations with the Diaspora
4.2 Portuguese Multilateral Diplomacy. Current Trends
4.3 Portuguese Public Diplomacy
4.4 Portuguese Science Diplomacy
4.5 Future Challenges

19. Assessment Methods

Assessment is based on the regulations in force and may be modified in accordance with the guidelines of the Lusíada University of Lisbon.
Continuous assessment includes two written tests.

20. Didactic Resources

All those that are appropriate to the topics addressed, regardless of their nature, and that allow achieving the goals defined for the curricular unit.
Appropriate audiovisual means. If necessary, IT platform Teams will be used.

21. Sustainability Objectives

Goals of the 2030's Agenda of the United Nations.
1. Ensure equal access to quality technical, professional and cultural education.
2. Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, including technical and professional skills, for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.
3. Guarantee equal opportunities in university education, including for people in vulnerable situations.

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22. Keywords

Foreign policy
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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): António Costa Pinto
Title: Portugal Contemporâneo
Edition: Year: 2000
Local: Madrid
Publisher: Sequitur

Author(s): Tiago Moreira de Sá
Title: Política Externa Portuguesa
Edition: Year:
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Fundação Francisco Manuel dos Santos

Author(s): Maria Sousa Galito
Title: Ensaio sobre Política Externa Portuguesa
Edition: Year: 2019
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: CESA-CSG WP 176, ISEG-UL ? Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão, Universidade de Lisboa, pp. 1-33

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): José Ferreira
Title: Política Externa e Política de Defesa do Portugal Democrático
Edition: Year: 2001
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Edições Colibri

Author(s): Nuno Severiano Teixeira e Pedro Emanuel Mendes
Title: Da Emigração à Diáspora. As Comunidades na Política Externa Portuguesa
Edition: Year: 2020
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Instituto Diplomático/ MNE

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