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Course Unit Program
Euro-Atlantic Zone

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Euro-Atlantic Zone (07427)

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. Doutor ANTÓNIO MANUEL GONÇALVES ALEXANDRE

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Contribute to the development of students' conceptual, analytical and argumentation skills and provide them with in-depth knowledge about the concepts, actors and dynamics of the geographic and political space called "Euro-Atlantic". Other geographical areas are also studied for their geopolitical importance in relation to the Euro-Atlantic space, such as the Mediterranean/Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Asia.

15. Specific Objectives

Transmit knowledge and develop students' ability to analyse, understand, interpret and formulate informed responses about current situations involving the Euro-Atlantic space. To this end, the reading of specialized literature is encouraged in order to acquire a solid and well-founded knowledge about the countries of the Euro-Atlantic area, the relations between themselves and with other international actors (States, international organizations, and non-state actors).

16. Skills to be acquired

Ability to analyze and apply concepts and theories in the area of International Relations, as well as the ability to make quick and well-founded decisions in scenarios of international negotiations and regional and international crises. Capacity for bibliographic research and scientific investigation within the scope of the curricular unit.

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17. Teaching Methodology

Presentation of themes by the professor. Structured debates on the topics of the programme by the students. Regular monitoring of international events by students who must present comments objectively and supported by specialized bibliography. Introduce students to the practice of scientific research and guide them to carry out bibliographical research centered on the intended theme.

18. Course Unit Program

1. The Euro-Atlantic Area (EEA): The concept, the geography, the actors.
2. The EEA and the World Wars.
3. The EEA during the Cold War and the bipolar world.
4. The EEA in the post-Cold War period.
5. US unipolar power in the 1990s.
6. September 11, 2001.
7. The multipolar world.
8. Emerging powers.
9. Threats to the EEA.
10. Transatlantic relations and moments of crisis.
11. International organizations and the EEA: The EU and NATO.
12. The EEA Regional Neighbourhood.

19. Assessment Methods

Attendance and participation in classes. Presentation of an individual work in the classroom to consolidate the ability to expose an idea. Debates with the aim of building and defending an argument. Two tests.

20. Didactic Resources

Reading books and specialized articles and watching videos. Possibility of having a guest teaching a conference-class.

21. Sustainability Objectives

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.

22. Keywords

Euro-Atlantic Area
States
Transatlantic relations
Security community
International org.

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	(Ed.) Daniel S. Hamilton e Kristina Spohr		
Title:	Open Door: NATO and Euro-Atlantic Security After the Cold War		
Edition:	1	Year:	2019
Local:	Washington, DC		
Publisher:	Brookings Institution Press		

Author(s):	Raquel Duque, Diogo Noivo, Teresa Almeida e Silva (Coord.)		
Title:	Segurança Contemporânea		
Edition:	1	Year:	2016
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Pactor		

Author(s):	John Andreas Olsen		
Title:	NATO and the North Atlantic - Revitalizing Collective Defence		
Edition:	1	Year:	2017
Local:	Abingdon (U.K.)		
Publisher:	Routledge Journals		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Charles A. Kupchan		
Title:	The Geopolitics of Transatlantic Relations: Discord and Repair		
Edition:		Year:	2009
Local:			
Publisher:	Politique étrangère		

Author(s):	John L. Gaddis		
Title:	A Grande Estratégia		
Edition:	1	Year:	2018
Local:	Alfragide - Portugal		
Publisher:	Dom Quixote		

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