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Course Unit Program
Africa (political, economic and social issues)

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Africa (political, economic and social issues) (07428)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

3rd

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 JOSE FRANCISCO LYNCE ZAGALO PAVIA

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Introduce students to the themes of international relations in Africa and to the different components of the discipline.

15. Specific Objectives

Enable students to identify and problematize the various political, economic and social issues on the African continent.

16. Skills to be acquired

§ understand and put into perspective Africa's international relations and its actors framed in a "system"
§ communicate effectively through written, oral, graphic and numerical language
§ be capable of self-learning and research individually or in groups

17. Teaching Methodology

§ oral presentation and distribution of appropriate texts.
§ individual or group work on class topics or current affairs
§ discussion of this work based on the students' own presentation and drawing up of conclusions.

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18. Course Unit Program

1. THE IDEA OF AFRICAN UNITY
1. Pan-Africanism
2. From Manchester to the Creation of the OAU
3. The Organization of African Unity
4. The African Union
2. AFRICA IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM POST-1945
1. Africa and the Superpowers
2. Africa and the former Colonial Powers
3. Africa and the United Nations
3. STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS IN AFRICA
1. Ethnicities, Nationalities and States
2. The Problem of the State in Africa
3. Coup d'état and Military Regimes
4. Causes of Conflict between African States
4. AFRICA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
1. Inter-African Cooperation Efforts
2. Africa and the World Economy
3. The New Challenges
5. ANALYSIS OF SOME SPECIFIC SITUATIONS

19. Assessment Methods

Grade of frequencies and final exams
individual or group work notes
record of written or oral interventions during classes.

20. Didactic Resources

§ collection of texts
§ didactic library of the chair
§ archive of relevant articles and news
§ Internet research on the various topics

21. Sustainability Objectives

Bearing in mind the seventeen goals of sustainable development outlined by the United Nations, it seems to us that goals 16 and 17, respectively "Peace, Justice and Effective Institutions" and "Partnerships for the implementation of the goals" are the ones that are best suited to a curricular unit with this designation and with this syllabus. In addition, objective four "Quality Education" may also be taken into account.

22. Keywords

Africa, Economy, Politics, International System.

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	José Francisco Pavia		
Title:	África: Questões Políticas, Económicas e Sociais		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2019
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Universidade Lusíada Editora		

Author(s):	Naomi Chazan et. al.		
Title:	Politics and Society in Contemporary Africa		
Edition:		Year:	1999
Local:	Boulder		
Publisher:	Lynne Rienner		

Author(s):	Michael O. Anda		
Title:	International Relations in Contemporary Africa		
Edition:		Year:	2000
Local:	Lanham		
Publisher:	University Press of America		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Alex Thompson		
Title:	An Introduction to African Politics		
Edition:	2ª	Year:	2004
Local:	New York		
Publisher:	Routledge		

Author(s):	Nicholas van de Walle		
Title:	African Economies and the Politics of Permanent Crisis, 1979-1999		
Edition:	New York	Year:	2001
Local:			
Publisher:	Cambridge University Press		

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