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Course Unit Program
Elective II - North Africa and Mediterranean

Academic Year 2024/2025

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Elective II - North Africa and Mediterranean (07458)

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 JOSE FRANCISCO LYNCE ZAGALO PAVIA

12. Assistants

Prof. Doutora MARIA MIGUEL SOUSA GALITO

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Introduce students to the themes of North Africa and the Mediterranean region.

15. Specific Objectives

Enable students to identify and discuss the different problems and political, economic and social issues of this geographic space, the challenges raised, the different actors of this subsystem and the conditioning factors in the formulation of external policies.

16. Skills to be acquired

Apply acquired knowledge to explain international phenomena, specifically in this sub-region.
Understand and put into perspective international relations and their actors framed in a "system".
Communicate effectively through written, oral, graphic and numerical language.
Be able to self-study and research individually or in a group.

17. Teaching Methodology

Oral presentation and distribution of suitable texts.
Individual or group work on class or current affairs.
Discussion of these works based on the presentation by the students themselves and elaboration of conclusions.

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18. Course Unit Program

I. Conceptual definition and geographical, political and cultural delimitation of the North Africa and Eastern Mediterranean sub-region
1.1 Area political studies.
1.2 The importance of the sub-region and the reason for the choice.

II. Historical, political, social and economic evolution and main influences
2.1 The Arabs and Islam
2.2 The Ottoman empire
2.3 The barbaresque States
2.4 European colonization
2.5 Independence
2.6 The Cold War
2.7 The Muscular Regimes
2.8 The Arab Springs
2.9 Current affairs

III. the actors
1. The States: Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Turkey, Cyprus, Malta, Israel, Syria, Lebanon and Greece.
2. The Intergovernmental Organizations: The African Union, the UMA, the Arab League, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the European Union and NATO.
3. Other actors such as Transnational Forces, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Multinational Firms and National Liberation Movements/Terrorist Groups.

IV. ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DYNAMICS
1. The Southern Flank of Europe: Views of the European Union and NATO.
2. Security dynamics: instability, radicalism and terrorism.
3. Economic dynamics: oil, natural gas and market access.
4. Social dynamics: Islamism versus secularism

V. Case studies.
1 - The migratory phenomenon in the Mediterranean (the three entry points - Western Mediterranean (via Spain and Portugal), Eastern Mediterranean (via Greece and Bulgaria) and Central Mediterranean (via Malta and Italy);
2 - The Eastern Mediterranean and its geopolitical and geoeconomic implications (maritime borders, the distribution of gas reserves, the case of Cyprus and the complex Greco-Turkish relations);
3 - Energy connections between North Africa and Europe (Algeria - Iberian Peninsula and Libya - Italy).

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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

Recommended bibliography;
B-ON;
Specialized magazines;
Internet Resources.

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

North Africa; Mediterranean; Interdependence; Security; Development.

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23. Main Bibliography

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

Author(s):	Ghafar, Adel Abdel (Edit.)		
Title:	The European Union and North Africa: Prospects and Challenges		
Edition:		Year:	2019
Local:	Doha		
Publisher:	Brookings Institution Press		

Author(s):	Hill, J. N. C.		
Title:	Democratisation in the Maghreb		
Edition:		Year:	2016
Local:	Edinburgh		
Publisher:	Edinburgh University Press.		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	ROSENDO, JOSÉ MANUEL		
Title:	ASCENSÃO E QUEDA DA IRMANDADE MUÇULMANA NO EGIPTO.		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2016
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Universidade Lusíada Editora		

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