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Course Unit Program
Economic Law

Academic Year 2026/2027

## 1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences

## 2. Course

Business Management

## 3. Cycle

1st

## 4. Course Unit

Economic Law (24119)

## 5. Scientific Area

## 6. Curricular Year

2nd

## 7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

1st Semester



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## 8. Class type and workload (work time)

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| 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. Dr. MIGUEL JOSE DE ALMEIDA PUPO CORREIA

## 12. Assistants

## 13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

## 14. General Objectives

Provide students with an understanding of the relationship between the economic and legal perspectives in social life: that of Economic Law, analyzing the public regulation of the economy based on criteria and objectives of economic efficiency; and that of Commercial Law, aiming to understand the development of economic activity in a competitive market through the basic topics of business law.

## 15. Specific Objectives

This course unit aims to be a useful tool for the training of students and future professionals in the management field, providing a simultaneous theoretical and practical approach to the subjects, with a view to understanding the relationships between Law and Economics.

## 16. Skills to be acquired

In relation to issues concerning the various topics covered in the course program: understand concepts and principles, interpret standards, identify, argue, and solve problems. Develop active learning skills.

## 17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical presentation of the subject's general outline, supported by appropriate teaching aids; analysis and discussion of practical issues with active and interactive participation by students; direct contact with practical realities.



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## 18. Course Unit Program

1. Introduction: Economic Law in the context of existing legal disciplines and branches of law. Economic Law as an autonomous legal discipline. The interdisciplinary nature of the study of Economic Law.
2. The Portuguese Economic Constitution.
3. Public regulation of the economy.
4. The State Business Sector.
5. Public-Private Partnerships.
6. Legal framework for competition:
6.1. Fair competition: industrial property and unfair competition.
6.2. Defense of competition.
7. Commercial Law and Market Law. Access to commercial activity.
8. Commercial acts and commercial contracts.
9. Companies and commercial establishments.
10. Entrepreneurs: general status. Individual entrepreneurs.
11. Commercial companies.
11.1. Creation of a company: types of companies; the legal personality and capacity of companies.
11.2. The organization of commercial companies: corporate bodies and their functions.
11.3. Company activity: corporate operations, preparation and approval of accounts, and application of results.

## 19. Assessment Methods

The Regulations for the Assessment of Knowledge and Skills currently in force will apply. Under continuous assessment, oral contributions distributed throughout the teaching period and a final written test will be mandatory. Individual or group assignments may also optionally be considered as additional assessment elements. These assessment elements will have the weighting provided for in the Supplementary Regulation for the Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

## 20. Didactic Resources

a) Theoretical presentation of the general outline of the subject matter
b) Supporting texts
c) Analysis and discussion of practical issues
d) Tutorial guidance for study.

## 21. Sustainability Objectives

SDG 4 - Quality education: course unit contributes to the development of critical thinking and interdisciplinary understanding between law and economics;
SDG 8 - Decent work and economic growth: course unit addresses the legal foundations of economic activity, which are essential for promoting sustainable and responsible practices;
SDG 16 - Peace, justice, and strong institutions: course unit promotes understanding of the role of legal institutions in regulating markets and defending the pub



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## 22. Keywords

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