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Course Unit Program
Tort Law (Advanced)

Academic Year 2024/2025

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

LAW

3. Cycle

2nd

4. Course Unit

Tort Law (Advanced) (71606)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

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	15,00
Tutorial Guidance:	20,00

9. ECTS Credits

7,50

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutor JOSE ALBERTO RODRÍGUEZ LORENZO GONZÁLEZ

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

- Attitudes
critical spirit
Knowledge based on study, reflection and valuation
- Capabilities
Investigate and collect information
carry out projects
Develop evaluation and decision-making skills
Use legal language
Acquire practical training based on correlative theoretical frameworks
- Knowledge
Understand the concept of damage within the theory of responsibility
Understand the importance and necessity of typifying certain damage figures

15. Specific Objectives

Understand the concepts of illicit and damage
Understand damage classes
Analyze the role of different types of responsibility
Evaluate the function of the different types of civil liability
Summarize the basic legal regime to which each of these species is submitted

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16. Skills to be acquired

Knowing how to investigate and gather information
Knowing how to carry out project work
Knowing how to consult, interpret and use legal diplomas
Knowing how to apply acquired knowledge to new situations

17. Teaching Methodology

Resolution of concrete cases (case method)
Analysis of legislation and case law
Participation in debates and conferences
Simulation of real life situations

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Civil liability challenges
1. Pure economic damage
1.1. Concept
1.2. Function
1.3. Admissibility
1.4. Typical cases
2. Punitive damages
2.1. Concept
2.2. Admissibility
2.3. Function
3. Moral damages: biological damage, bystander emotional distress, life damages (wrongful life, wrongful birth and wrongful conception, wrongful death), and moral environmental damage.
3.1. Concepts
3.2. Feasibility conditions
3.3. Respective definitions of illegality
4. Loss of chance
4.1. Concept
4.2. Loss of chance and causality
4.3. Autonomy from loss of chance
5. Causality in the face of undetermined authorship and concurrent authorship
5.1. Establishing the causal link: tests
5.2. Plurality of responsible
5.3. Undetermined authorship, concurrent authorship and related figures
6. Duty of care: basis and scope.
6.1. Definition of duty of care
6.2. Mode of your establishment
6.3. Proximity and zone of danger rule
7. Extension of tort liability for inaction.
7.1. Action and inaction
7.2. Duty to act and duty of care
7.3. Moral duty and legal duty
8. Dominion over the body and responsibility for its violation
8.1. Self-ownership
8.2. Mastery over the body and its parts
9. Civil liability and fake news
10. Liability for damage caused by artificial intelligence algorithms
10.1 Autonomous vehicles
10.2. Facial recognition
10.3. Automated court decision

19. Assessment Methods

The evaluation instruments will be determined or to be determined in the Evaluation Regulation of Universidade Lusíada

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20. Didactic Resources

Codes
Constitution of the Portuguese Republic
Copies of court decisions, public deeds, registration certificates and similar acts

21. Sustainability Objectives

General
1 - Ensure equal access to education.
2 - Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications.
3 - Ensure equal opportunities in university education.
4 - Promoting the gradual dematerialization of the teaching/learning process.
Specific
1 - Promote the rule of law.
2 - Contribute to responsible decision-making.

22. Keywords

Obligation to compensate
Causality
Authorship
Damage species

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	GONZÁLEZ, José		
Title:	Direito da Responsabilidade Civil		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2017
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Quid Juris		

Author(s):	GONZÁLEZ, José		
Title:	Direitos da Personalidade Humana - Novos Problemas		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2024
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Quid Juris		

Author(s):	GONZÁLEZ, José Martinho		
Title:	A responsabilidade civil emergente da detenção de veículos automóveis dotados de inteligência artifi		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2025
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Quid Juris		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	GONZÁLEZ, José		
Title:	Direito a não ser (unicamente) julgado por inteligência artificial (IA), in Revista Lusíada. Direito		
Edition:		Year:	2025
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Universidade Lusíada Editora		

Author(s):	GONZÁLEZ, José		
Title:	Responsabilidade civil e fake news, in Revista de Direito Comercial (online)		
Edition:	1ª	Year:	2020
Local:			
Publisher:	Quid Juris		

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