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Course Unit Program
Tort Law (Advanced)

Academic Year 2026/2027

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 FRANCISCO BARROS FERREIRA RODRIGUES ROCHA

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

10.4. Medical devices



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19. Assessment Methods

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

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: 2ª Year: 2025
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Quid Juris
ISBN Code:

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

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

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
ISBN Code:

Author(s): GONZÁLEZ, José
Title: Responsabilidade civil e fake news, in Revista de Direito Comercial (online)
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