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Course Unit Program
Criminology

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

LAW

3. Cycle

2nd

4. Course Unit

Criminology (71624)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

1st 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 EDUARDO MANUEL VIEGAS FERREIRA

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Acquire theoretical and practical knowledge on mainstream crime theories and on crime prevention policies and programs.

15. Specific Objectives

1-Define criminology as a science.
2-Identify mainstream theories of violent crime.
3-Identify mainstream theories of property crime.
4-Identify crime prevention policies and programs with most promising results.

16. Skills to be acquired

Ability to use theoretical knowledge to identify and understand crime patterns and trends, crime behaviors, and the most suitable crime prevention programs.

17. Teaching Methodology

Lectures are used to present the most relevant and up to date theoretical knowledge students are required to acquire. Tutorial classes are used to discuss the acquired theoretical knowledge and to guide students on research methods and literature and crime data databases.

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1. Criminology as a science.
2. Research methods in criminology.
3. Mainstream theories of violent crime.
4. Prevention of violent crime.
5. Mainstream theories of property crime.
6. Prevention of property crime.

19. Assessment Methods

Acquired competencies are assessed through two written essays and class attendance. Attendance of at least 70% of lectures and tutorial sessions is required.

20. Didactic Resources

PowerPoint presentations and recommended scientific literature.

21. Sustainability Objectives

1-Increase the number of young adults and adults with tertiary theoretical and practical competencies and contribute to their employability or entrepreneurship in the justice and security areas.
2-Promote scientific knowledge on crime and crime behaviors in order to reduce prejudices, stereotypes and bias.

22. Keywords

Criminology
Crime theories
Crime prevention

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): Alison Liebling, Shadd Maruna and Lesley McAra (Editors)
Title: The Oxford handbook of criminology
Edition: Year: 2017
Local:
Publisher: Oxford University Press

Author(s): Shlomo Giora Shoham, Paul Knepper and Martin Kett (Editors)
Title: International Handbook of Criminology
Edition: Year: 2010
Local:
Publisher: Routledge

Author(s): Eduardo Viegas Ferreira
Title: Crime e Insegurança em Portugal - padrões e tendências
Edition: Year: 1998
Local:
Publisher: Celta Editora

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):
Title:
Edition: Year:
Local:
Publisher:

Author(s):
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