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Course Unit Program
The Great Contemporary Problematic

Academic Year 2024/2025

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

3. Cycle

2nd

4. Course Unit

The Great Contemporary Problematic (74208)

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 ANTÓNIO MANUEL FERNANDES DA SILVA RIBEIRO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Train master's students with the theoretical and practical knowledge necessary to understand the great problems that determine the situation of international relations.

15. Specific Objectives

Provide Master's students:

- The essential theoretical bases for understanding the major international contemporary problems of the physical, economic, human, social and military environment;
- Practical tools that qualify them for professional applications in the analysis of the conjuncture and in the formulation of policies and strategies focused on international relations.

16. Skills to be acquired

- Carry out studies on the major problems of the international situation;
- Actively participate in the processes of analysis, formulation, implementation and control of policies and strategies with an impact on international relations.

17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical and practical classes, which include mandatory reading to support open, in-depth and up-to-date discussion, in class, of the various syllabus contents.



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18. Course Unit Program

- 1- Problems of the physical environment
 - a) Global common spaces
 - b) Space
 - c) Cyberspace
 - d) Climate changes
- 2- Human problems
 - a) Demography
 - b) Gender inequality
 - c) Religious differences
 - d) Education deficit
- 3- Economic problems
 - a) Natural resources
 - b) Energy
 - c) Geoeconomics
 - d) Sustainable development
- 4- Sociopolitical problems
 - a) Communication and globalization
 - b) Globalization and regionalization
 - c) Cultures, beliefs and ideas
- 5- Military problems
 - a) Information age
 - b) Technology
 - c) Conflict

19. Assessment Methods

Continuous assessment in classes;

A mandatory final test and a 15-page individual research paper on a topic chosen by the student with the approval of the professor.

20. Didactic Resources

Texts/articles/books recommended by the teacher;

Illustrative slides of the classes taught;

Recommended bibliography.

21. Sustainability Objectives

- 1- Increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, including technical and professional skills, for employment, teaching work and entrepreneurship in the field of international relations.
- 2- Promote international relations, in compliance with the principles of the UN Charter, the Constitution and the Laws.
- 3- Contribute to responsible, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making in political and strategic processes of international relations.



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22. Keywords

International relations;
International politics;
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23. Main Bibliography

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Edition: 2ª Year: 2001
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Gradiva

Author(s): Nye, Joseph S.
Title: Compreender os Conflitos Internacionais
Edition: 1ª Year: 2002
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Author(s): Baylis, John & Smith, Steve
Title: The Globalization of World Politics
Edition: 3ª Year: 2006
Local: Oxford
Publisher: Oxford University Press

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Author(s): Morgenthau, J. Hans
Title: Politics Among the Nations
Edition: 3ª Year: 2006
Local: New York
Publisher: McGraw-Hill Company

Author(s): Fernandes, José P. Teixeira
Title: Teoria das Relações Internacionais
Edition: 2ª Year: 2009
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Edições Almedina, SA



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