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Course Unit Program
Introduction to Political Science

Academic Year 2024/2025

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

SECURITY POLICIES

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Introduction to Political Science (L7003)

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	30,00
Tutorial Guidance:	20,00

9. ECTS Credits

6,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutor MANUEL FERNANDO DA SILVA MONTEIRO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Understanding the political phenomenon and contextualizing it within the actions of the State is one of the general objectives of this discipline. Additionally, it aims to provide future graduates in Security Policies with a mastery of essential principles and concepts related to the Form and Structure of the State, enabling them to better understand the relevance of domestic public law.

15. Specific Objectives

Specific objectives of the Introduction to Political Science discipline include the transmission of knowledge regarding the manifestations of political power of the State and how these manifestations arise and materialize. In this sense, it is also essential to understand both Power in its Form and Power in its Seat, that is, it is important to distinguish formal power from real power.

16. Skills to be acquired

By taking this discipline, students in Security Policies will be able to identify and differentiate:

1. Political Power from Social Power.
2. Types of State from the Ends of the State and the Functions of the State.
3. Form of the State from Form of Government.
4. Political Regime from Political System.
5. Political System from System of Government.

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17. Teaching Methodology

a) Theoretical/Practical classes, where principles and concepts will be presented while emphasizing their practical application.

b) Tutorial Guidance classes, where both students' readings and joint reflection on specific cases in national and international politics will be followed.

18. Course Unit Program

Chapter I - Politics and Political Science
1. What is Politics?
2. Political Science and its object
3. The Political Fact

Chapter II - Political Power and Sovereignty
1. Political Power with and without Sovereignty
2. Forms of Power
3. Legality and Legitimacy of Power
4. Form and Seat of Power

Chapter III - The State
1. The State and the Nation
2. The State in the context of International Organizations
3. Types of State
4. Constituent Elements of the State
5. Forms of State
6. Ends and Functions of the State

Chapter IV - State Organs
1. The classical typology of state organs
2. State Organs in the context of the Portuguese Constitution
3. State Organs vis-à-vis the European Union

Chapter V - Forms of Government; Political Regimes and Political Systems
1. Form of Government
2. Political Regimes
3. The Political System and its elements:
a. The system of government
b. The party system
c. The electoral system
4. Types of government systems

Chapter VI - Democratic Regimes and Systems of Government (some examples):
1. The United Kingdom
2. The United States of America
3. France

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19. Assessment Methods

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20. Didactic Resources

- Textbooks on Political Science and Constitutional Law (available at the University Library).

- All other necessary resources available at the University's IT Services and Media Center.

21. Sustainability Objectives

Assuming that sustainable education goes beyond the mere presentation of curriculum content, we define here three main objectives:

1. Promotion of critical analytical thinking

2. Continuous distinction between mere information and education

3. Education aimed at the free determination of future choices

22. Keywords

Politics
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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): CORREIA, José de Matos, PINTO, Ricardo Leite
Title: Lições de Ciência Política e Direito Constitucional - Teoria Geral do Estado e Formas de Governo
Edition: 1ª Year: 2020
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Universidade Lusíada Editora

Author(s): CORREIA, José de Matos, PINTO, Ricardo Leite
Title: Lições de Ciência Política e Direito Constitucional
Edition: 1ª Year: 2018
Local: Lisboa
Publisher:

Author(s): MIRANDA, Jorge
Title: Teoria do Estado e da Constituição
Edition: 1ª Year: 2002
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Coimbra Editora

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): MOREIRA, Vital
Title: Elementos de Ciência Política
Edition: Policopiado Year: 2019
Local: Universidade Lusíada NORTE (Porto)
Publisher:

Author(s): ZIPPELIUS, Reinhold
Title: Teoria Geral do Estado - Ciência Política
Edition: 16ª Year: 2016
Local: São Paulo
Publisher: Saraiva

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