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Course Unit Program
Introduction to Law Studies

Academic Year 2024/2025

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

SECURITY POLICIES

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Introduction to Law Studies (L7005)

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 LÚCIO MIGUEL TEIXEIRA CORREIA

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

A. Attitudes
- Critical spirit
- Knowledge based on study, reflection and evaluation

B. 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

C. Knowledge
- Understand the concept of Legal Order
- Understand the importance and need for Introduction to Law

15. Specific Objectives

- Understand the fundamental concepts of Law;
- Understand the concept of legal norm and legal principle;
- Understand the concept of law enforcement over time;
- Understand the concept and types of interpretation of the law;
- Know the common legislative process;
- Know how to apply the knowledge acquired.

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16. Skills to be acquired

Know how to recognize the role of fundamental concepts of Law in the formation of a jurist's mental framework;
- Know how to consult, interpret and use legal diplomas;
- Know how to investigate and collect information;
- Know how to apply acquired knowledge to new situations;
- Know how to analyze internal correlations.

17. Teaching Methodology

Use of examples from everyday practice;
- Resolution of concrete cases (case method);
- Analysis of legislation and jurisprudence;
- Participation in debates and colloquiums;
- Simulation of concrete situations in everyday life;
- Watching films and documentaries.

18. Course Unit Program

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Part I

The human person, Society, political power and Law

1. The concept of Law.
1.1. Law in the context of Society; social orders.
1.2. Law as a coercive normative social order.
1.3. The ends of Law: justice and security within a Society.
1.4. The meanings of the concept: Objective law, subjective rights and science of law.

2. The human person, other people, the Law and their rights
2.1. The human person as the foundation and purpose of the legal order.
2.2. Personality and legal capacity.
2.3. Legal persons: concept and typology.
2.4. Subjective law in particular: concept and species.

3. Society, the Market, political power and the Law
3.1. The State: concept, elements and meanings.
3.2. The International Society.

Part II

The legal order

4. The legal order
4.1. Concept and elements.
4.2. The various legal orders: state, regional, European and international.
4.3. Domestic Law and International Law: the criteria for distinction.

5. The legal norm
5.1 Concept.
5.2. Structure.
5.3. Nature.
5.4. Types of standards.
5.5. Norms and principles.

6. The branches of Law
6.1. Concept.
6.2. Public Law and Private Law: the terms and current nature of the distinction.
6.3. The branches of Public Law: Constitutional, Administrative, Criminal, Mere Social Ordinance, Procedural, Financial and Tax.
6.4. The branches of Private Law: Civil, Commercial, Labor.
The sources of Law

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7.1. Concept.
7.2. The types of sources: the Constitution, granted Law, agreed Law, Custom, Jurisprudence and Doctrine.

8. The Constitution and the Rights granted and agreed in particular: statics of the sources of Law
8.1. The Constitution.
8.2. The granted right.
8.3. The agreed law.
8.4. The Constitution and the rights granted and agreed in particular: codification and legislative techniques.
8.5. The Constitution and the Rights granted and agreed in particular: the relationships between the sources of Law and the respective hierarchy.

9. The Constitution and the Rights granted and agreed in particular: dynamics of the sources of Law
9.1. The creation of legal norms.
9.2. The interpretation of legal norms.
9.3. The integration of legal standards.
9.4. The application of legal standards.
9.5. The cessation of validity of legal norms.

10. The coercive application of the Law and the protection of rights
10.1. Concept and types of coactive protection.
10.2. Coactive protection regarding subjects.
10.3. Coactive protection over time.
10.4. The issue of soft law.

19. Assessment Methods

The assessment instruments will be those determined or to be determined in the Lusíada University Assessment Regulations.

20. Didactic Resources

- www.academia.edu;
- moodle:
- Civil Code;
- Constitution of the Republic
- PP presentations used in classes.

21. Sustainability Objectives

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general

1 - Ensure equal access to education.
2 - Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications.
3 - Guarantee equal opportunities in university education.
4 - Promote the dematerialization of the teaching/learning process gradually.

Specifics
1 - Promote the rule of law.
2 - Contribute to responsible decision-making.

22. Keywords

Legal order
Subjective rights
Nation, State and Law
Legal Standard

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Author(s):	Justo, António dos Santos		
Title:	Introdução ao Estudo do Direito		
Edition:	11ª edição	Year:	2020
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Coimbra Editora		

Author(s):	Telles, Inocêncio Galvão		
Title:	Introdução ao Estudo do Direito - vol I e II		
Edition:	11ª/10ª ed.	Year:	2010
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Coimbra Editora		

Author(s):	González, José		
Title:	Código Civil Anotado		
Edition:	2ª edição	Year:	2019
Local:	Lisboa		
Publisher:	Quid Juris		

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s):	Machado, J. Baptista		
Title:	Introdução ao Direito e Discurso Legitimador		
Edition:	19ª ed.	Year:	2011
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		

Author(s):	Amaral, Diogo Freitas do		
Title:	Manual de Introdução ao Estudo do Direito		
Edition:	Reimpressão da	Year:	2017
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