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Course Unit Program
Economic Law

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Business and Economic Sciences

2. Course

Marketing

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Economic Law (V1012)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

2nd

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. Dr. MIGUEL JOSE DE ALMEIDA PUPO CORREIA

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

The economic and legal perspectives are two faces of social phenomena. Economic Law should be observed from a neo-classical perspective, seeking to explain current legal systems, in general, and the legal regulation of the economy, in particular, based on criteria and objectives of economic efficiency. The Commercial Law component aims to understand the development of economic activity in a competitive market through the basic themes of the legal framework of the company: commercial establishmen

15. Specific Objectives

The Course aims to constitute a useful instrument for all those who, also in the legal world, feel the need for a simultaneously theoretical and practical approach to matters, providing knowledge of the new relationships between Law and Economics.

16. Skills to be acquired

In relation to issues concerning the various topics covered in the course program: understand concepts and principles, interpret standards, identify, argue, and solve problems. Develop active learning skills.

17. Teaching Methodology

Theoretical presentation of the subject's general outline, supported by appropriate teaching aids; analysis and discussion of practical issues with active and interactive participation by students;direct contact with practical realities.

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18. Course Unit Program

1. Introduction: Economic Law in the context of existing legal disciplines and branches of law. Economic Law as an autonomous legal discipline. The interdisciplinary nature of the study of Economic Law.
2. The Portuguese Economic Constitution.
3. Public regulation of the economy.
4. The State Business Sector.
5. Public-Private Partnerships.
6. Commercial Law and Market Law. Access to commercial activity.
7. Commercial acts and commercial contracts
8. Companies and commercial establishments
9. Entrepreneurs: general status. Individual entrepreneurs
10. Commercial companies.
10.1. Creation of a company: types of companies; the legal personality and capacity of companies.
10.2. The organization of commercial companies: corporate bodies and their functions.
10.3. Company activity: corporate operations, preparation and approval of accounts, and application of results.
11. Legal framework for competition:
11.1. Fair competition: industrial property and unfair competition. 11.2. Defense of competition.

19. Assessment Methods

The following will be considered as essential instruments: in addition to carrying out written tests, the presentation of topics, as well as the preparation of works and respective discussion.
Written tests and the presentation of topics will be weighted according to the course evaluation regulations.

20. Didactic Resources

a) Theoretical presentation of the general outline of the subject matter
b) Supporting texts
c) Analysis and discussion of practical issues
d) Tutorial guidance for study.

21. Sustainability Objectives

SDG 4 - Quality education: UC contributes to the development of critical thinking and interdisciplinary understanding between law and economics;
SDG 8 - Decent work and economic growth: UC addresses the legal foundations of economic activity, which are essential for promoting sustainable and responsible practices;
SDG 16 - Peace, justice, and strong institutions: UC promotes understanding of the role of legal institutions in regulating markets and defending the public interest.

22. Keywords

Economic Law
Economic Constitution
Economic Regulation
Commercial Law

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s):	Maria Eduarda Azevedo		
Title:	Temas de Direito da Economia		
Edition:	4ª	Year:	2020
Local:	Coimbra		
Publisher:	Almedina		

Author(s):	Miguel J. A. Pupo Correia		
Title:	Direito Comercial - Direito da Empresa		
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Author(s):	Paulo Olavo Cunha		
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