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Course Unit Program
NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY

Academic Year 2024/2025

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

SECURITY AND JUSTICE

3. Cycle

4. Course Unit

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY (X4003)

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. Doutora MARIA MIGUEL SOUSA GALITO

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Identify the main lines of action of States' National Defense.

Study security mechanisms and dynamics, both from the perspective of international security and from the national perspective.

The objectives will be achieved by developing the students' analytical capacity in these areas.

15. Specific Objectives

Study concepts of Defense and Security.

Analyze Portugal's security and defense strategies.

European Studies: Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union.

16. Skills to be acquired

Analytical capacity and quick decision making in different scenarios, including crisis or conflict, national or international. Understand the importance of specific Defense and Security concepts and test their practical applicability in different contexts.

17. Teaching Methodology

Monitoring program contents.

Discussion of aspects from the previous class.

Debate issues about national or international agenda.

Encouraging students to study events related to National Defense and Internal Security.



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18. Course Unit Program

1. Fundamental Concepts
 - 1.1. Sovereignty, Security and Defense
 - 1.2. Security: regarding the subject, regarding the nature, regarding the objectives, regarding the approaches
 - 1.3. Homeland Security, International, Regional, Transnational
 - 1.4. Political Security
 - 1.5. Economic Security
 - 1.6. Environmental Safety
 - 1.7. Cooperative Security
 - 1.8. Human Security (focused on the well-being of peoples and not on border security)
2. Geostrategy
 - 2.1. State Strategy and National Defense
 - 2.2. Strategic Thinking and Risk Analysis
 - 2.3. Strategic planning. Intelligence.
3. National Defense Models
4. Portuguese National Defense: Legal Framework.
5. Strategic Concept of National Defense. The decision-making process.
6. National Defense Elements and Fundamental Defense Structures.
7. The Role of the Armed Forces in Homeland Security
8. External Missions of the Security Forces and Services.
9. State of Siege, State of Emergency. Civil protection
10. Crisis Management.
11. European Union and International Cooperation between States
12. Threats and Case Studies (Case Studies)
 - 12.1. traditional
 - 12.1.1. Wars, Guerrillas
 - 12.1.2. Failed States or Lack of Governance
 - 12.1.3. Trafficking (Weapons, Drugs and People)
 - 12.1.4. Terrorism
 - 12.2. New Threats
 - 12.2.1. Transnational Organized Crime
 - 12.2.2. Cybercrime
 - 12.2.3. Hybrid Threats
 - 12.2.4. Climate Change and Natural Disasters. Large scale fires
 - 12.2.5. Pandemics
 - 12.2.6. Other Threats

19. Assessment Methods

Assessment will be based on: (i) active participation in classes; (ii) tests or assignments.



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20. Didactic Resources

Multimedia instruments, articles, supporting texts in electronic format.

Books and articles.

Video documentaries on relevant issues.

21. Sustainability Objectives

Main goals:

- 1 - Ensure equal access to quality technical, professional and cultural education.
- 2 - Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, including technical and professional skills, for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.
- 3 - Guarantee equal opportunities in university education, including for people in vulnerable situations.
- 4 - Promoting the gradual dematerialization of the teaching/learning process.

Specific goals:

- 1 - Promot

22. Keywords

Security

National defense

Strategic planning

Armed forces



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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): BIEHL, Heiko
Title: Strategic Cultures in Europe: Security and Defence Policies across the Continent
Edition: Year: 2013
Local: Wiesbaden
Publisher: Springer Fachmedien

Author(s): NOGUEIRA, José
Title: Pensar a Segurança e Defesa
Edition: Year: 2005
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Edições Cosmos/Instituto da Defesa Nacional

Author(s): SARAIVA, Luís
Title: O papel das Forças Armadas na Segurança Interna
Edition: Year: 2017
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Universidade Lusíada Editora

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): SOUSA GALITO, Maria
Title: Terrorismo na União Europeia
Edition: Year: 2019
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: CESA-CSG WP 177, Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão, Universidade de Lisboa, pp. 1-22

Author(s): SOUSA GALITO, Maria
Title: Sahel e Magreb. Ensaio sobre o Norte de África, uma Região em Convulsão
Edition: Year: 2019
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: CESA-CSG WP 175, Instituto Superior de Economia e Gestão, Universidade de Lisboa, pp. 1-28



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