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Course Unit Program
LAW AND SECURITY

Academic Year 2026/2027

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

SECURITY AND JUSTICE

3. Cycle

4. Course Unit

LAW AND SECURITY (X4006)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

2nd 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 JOSÉ JOAQUIM ANTUNES FERNANDES

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

To train and equip students with the necessary skills and knowledge to reflect on the interrelationship between Law and Security, security being an essential condition for the law to be fulfilled and law to guarantee legal peace.

15. Specific Objectives

To equip students with the skills to identify the relevant institutions that are the guarantors of security and to understand their limits - imposed by the rule of law.

To enable students to understand the referential framework of national and international security and the main challenges in these areas.

16. Skills to be acquired

At the end of the program, students should be able to identify the essential sources of law that underpin the exercise of institutions that guarantee security.

They should also be able to understand which international institutions, in the context of relations between states, are fundamental to International Security.

17. Teaching Methodology

The theoretical-practical classes will be taught with the support of projected presentations - and other means existing in the room.

In practical classes, students should be encouraged to participate in the presentation and discussion of themes previously distributed.



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18. Course Unit Program

- I - Introduction and conceptual framework
 - 1) The rule of law - the citizen and the State;
 - 2) The fundamental right to security
 - 3) Fundamental principles of the right to security;
 - a) Legal certainty
 - b) Proportionality;
 - c) Guarantees of control (administrative and judicial);
 - 4) The referential framework of security
 - 5) Security as a limit and guarantee of fundamental rights.
- II - The security right
 - 1) The principle of the necessity of the right to security;
 - 2) The constitutional right and the security
 - 3) The fundamental right to security;
 - 4) International law and security.
- III - The Rule of Law and International Security
 - 1) The State and the hope of perpetual peace;
 - 2) The new international vulnerabilities;
 - a) Demographic
 - b) Technological;
 - c) Political.
 - 3) Fragile states and international security;
 - 4) The New Conflictuality;
 - 5) International humanitarian law and peace;
 - 6) Human Security.
- IV - Law and Security: future challenges
 - 1) Security in a globalized world;
 - 2) The interrelation between global and local security;
 - 3) State, security and diffuse sovereignty;
 - 4) Sovereignty and the new types of international organization
 - 5) The new threats to security;
 - 6) The universalization of the threat.

19. Assessment Methods

- Oral participation.
- A written assessment test.

20. Didactic Resources

- Use of computer and multimedia tools.
- Support material (dematerialized).
- General and specific library.



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21. Sustainability Objectives

The Curricular Unit Law and Security aims to contribute to sustainability in the following areas.

General

- 1- To substantially increase the number of youth and adults with relevant qualifications;
2. To guarantee equal opportunities in university education.

Specific

- 1 - Promote the Rule of Law;
- 2 - To guarantee equal and universal access to justice;
- 3 - Contribute to responsible decision-making.

22. Keywords

- Rule of Law
- Security Law
- International Community
- International Security



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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): José J. Antunes Fernandes
Title: Os desafios da segurança contemporânea: Estado, identidade e multiculturalismo
Edition: 1.^a Year: 2014
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Pedro Ferreira-Artes Gráficas
ISBN Code:

Author(s): Jorge Bacelar Gouveia
Title: Direito da Segurança
Edition: 2.^a Year: 2020
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina
ISBN Code:

Author(s): Jorge Bacelar Gouveia e Sofia Santos
Title: Enciclopédia de Direito e Segurança
Edition: 1.^a Year: 2015
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina
ISBN Code:

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): José Carlos Vieira de Andrade
Title: Os direitos fundamentais na Constituição da República Portuguesa
Edition: 6.^a Year: 2019
Local: Coimbra
Publisher: Almedina
ISBN Code:

Author(s): Rui Pereira e Jorge Bacelar Gouveia
Title: Estudos de Direito e Segurança Volume I
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