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Course Unit Program
CRIMINAL PREVENTION AND URBAN VIOLENCE

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

SECURITY AND JUSTICE

3. Cycle

4. Course Unit

CRIMINAL PREVENTION AND URBAN VIOLENCE (X4007)

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 SÉRGIO RICARDO COSTA CHAGAS FELGUEIRAS

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

To develop students' analytical skills about theories and concepts of crime prevention and urban violence.

Deepen reflection on phenomena related to crime prevention and urban violence.

Explain the political trends, both international and national, to prevent and combat these types of crime.

15. Specific Objectives

To map and understand the different theoretical approaches to crime prevention.

Identify the problems related to crime prevention and urban violence. Discuss the leading global, regional and national strategies to tackle transnational crime. Address the challenges and dilemmas of different forms of urban violence. Reflect on the interconnections between crime prevention, organised crime, terrorism and mass crime.

16. Skills to be acquired

The students will interpret the concepts of terrorism, organized crime, and violent and serious crime according to the theoretical reference framework. The students must develop analytical capacity on the crime globalization trends and the prominent international organizations and strategies to prevent and combat these phenomena. Students should apply the main crime prevention strategies to concrete cases.



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17. Teaching Methodology

The adopted methodology is based on co-creation as the central axis of the teaching and learning process, structured into two successive cycles of co-creation. In these cycles, students actively engage in the exploration of concepts through theoretical-practical classes supported by audiovisual materials, case study analysis, and guided discussion, promoting the shared construction of knowledge. This model aims to foster critical engagement and shared responsibility in the educational process.

18. Course Unit Program

1. Contemporary trends in security
2. Brief analysis of the theories of crime
3. Conceptual map of crime prevention
4. Strategies for crime prevention
5. International and national strategies for preventing and combating serious crime
6. Theoretical applications to concrete cases: Terrorism; organized crime; urban violent crime
7. Different types of violent criminal organizations
8. Conceptual map of urban violence
9. Analysis of cases of urban violence
10. Research on crime prevention
11. Research on urban violence
12. Typologies of crime prevention and its interconnection with criminal investigation, public order and intelligence
13. Police and Judicial Cooperation
14. Prospects for the future

19. Assessment Methods

Class participation and preparation for debates on a previously announced topic to construct and defend an argument. Completion of an assignment and an assessment test.

20. Didactic Resources

Reading books, articles, and video documentaries on a relevant topic in the context of security and justice.

21. Sustainability Objectives

The sustainability goals for the uc of crime prevention and urban violence, according to the 2030 Agenda, focus on reducing crime and violence in urban areas, promoting equality and social inclusion, strengthening cooperation and partnerships, improving the criminal justice system, investing in education and training, promoting urban revitalization and sustainable urban planning, and strengthening citizen participation. Cf SDGs 11 and 16 of the UN 2030 Agenda.

22. Keywords



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- Security
- Justice
- Terrorism
- Criminality
- Urban Violence
- Criminal Prevention

23. Main Bibliography

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Publisher: MUP Museu da Polícia

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Edition: 5.^a Year: 2012
Local: Oxford
Publisher: Oxford University Press

Author(s): Schneider, S.
Title: Crime prevention: Theory and practice
Edition: 2.^a Year: 2015
Local: Boca Ratón
Publisher: CRC Press

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Title: Prevention crime and violence
Edition: Year: 2017
Local: Cham
Publisher: Springer

Author(s): Felgueiras, S.
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