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Course Unit Program
Organized Crime and Terrorism

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

SECURITY AND JUSTICE

3. Cycle

4. Course Unit

Organized Crime and Terrorism (X4008)

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 VITOR MANUEL RAMON FERNANDES

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

This course unit intends to analyse, on the one hand, the phenomena associated with organized crime and, on the other, terrorism, with respect to its causes, characteristics and nature. The idea is for students to gain well-grounded knowledge of both phenomena and their respective organizations.

15. Specific Objectives

The main objectives of this course unit are to transmit theoretical and empirical knowledge about organized crime and terrorism and the respective methods to counter it.

16. Skills to be acquired

Students are expected to learn the different aspects related to each phenomenon using theoretical frameworks that will help them to better understand both organized crime and terrorism, combining this knowledge with empirical evidence.

17. Teaching Methodology

To center the teaching and learning process according to the integrated participation of the students and an interaction between the lecture and the students according to the paradigm underlined within the Bologna Process.



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18. Course Unit Program

1. Organized Crime: What is it and how to define it
2. Different visions about organized crime
3. Characteristics, structure and activities of organized crime
4. Study of organized crime organizations
5. Theoretical perspectives about organized crime.
6. Terrorism: What is it and how to define it.
7. Different types of terrorism.
8. Theories of terrorism.
9. State Terrorism.
10. Counter-terrorism.
11. Terrorism and radicalization.
12. Ethical issues concerning the fight against terrorism.

19. Assessment Methods

According to the University regulations.

20. Didactic Resources

Recommended bibliography.

Digital resources.

Analysis of academic articles and other sources considered relevant.

21. Sustainability Objectives

This course unit wishes to contribute to sustainability in the following manner:

1. Ensure equality on what concerns access to a good quality technical education.
2. Guarantee equal level of opportunity in high level education.
3. To promote dematerialisation regarding the process of learning and teaching in a gradual way.

22. Keywords

Organized crime

Terrorism

Counterterrorism

Radicalization



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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): Lyman, M. and Potter, G.
Title: Organized Crime
Edition: 7^a Year: 2019
Local: New York, New York
Publisher: Pearson

Author(s): Pisoiu, D. and Hain, S.
Title: Theories of Terrorism: An Introduction
Edition: 1^a Year: 2018
Local: London and New York
Publisher: Routledge

Author(s): Paoli, L. (Ed.)
Title: The Oxford Handbook of Organized Crime
Edition: 1^a Year: 2014
Local: Oxford and New York
Publisher: Oxford University Press

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): Anes, J. M. (Coord.)
Title: Organizações Criminais: Uma Introdução ao Crime Organizado
Edition: 1^a Year: 2010
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Universidade Lusíada

Author(s): Chenoweth et al (Eds.)
Title: The Oxford Handbook of Terrorism
Edition: 1^a Year: 2019
Local: Oxford
Publisher: Oxford University Press



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