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Course Unit Program
Organized Crime and Terrorism

Academic Year 2026/2027

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. Conceptual foundations, history, and myths
2. Organizational structure and explanatory theories on Organized Crime
3. Organized crime, politics, and corruption
4. Illicit Markets: drugs and human trafficking
5. Illicit Markets: Weapons, cybercrime, and money laundering
6. White-collar crime and specific groups
7. Definitions, history, and typologies of terrorism
8. Structural and organizational theories and the role of ideology
9. Radicalization: models, psychology, and debate
10. Online radicalization, transnational jihadism
11. Right-wing and Left-wing extremism, and other types and genders
12. Counterterrorism: Strategies, effectiveness, and civil rights
13. Deradicalization, future trends, and final synthesis
14. Institutional and political responses and final synthesis

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: 2018
Local: New York, New York
Publisher: Pearson
ISBN Code: 978-0134871356

Author(s): Pisoiu, D. and Hain, S.
Title: Theories of Terrorism: An Introduction
Edition: 1^a Year: 2017
Local: London and New York
Publisher: Routledge
ISBN Code: 978-1135974527

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
ISBN Code: 978-0190947323

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
ISBN Code: 978-9896400859

Author(s): Chenoweth et al (Eds.)
Title: The Oxford Handbook of Terrorism
Edition: 1^a Year: 2019
Local: Oxford
Publisher: Oxford University Press
ISBN Code: 978-0191047145



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