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Course Unit Program
Research Methodology

Academic Year 2026/2027

1. Organic Unit

Faculty of Law

2. Course

SECURITY AND JUSTICE

3. Cycle

4. Course Unit

Research Methodology (X4009)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

2nd

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. Doutor ANTÓNIO MANUEL GONÇALVES ALEXANDRE

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Acquisition of knowledge and skills in concepts, methods and techniques of scientific research that allow the preparation of various academic works such as reviews, scientific articles, master's dissertations, among others.

15. Specific Objectives

Provide students with the ability to know and understand the main methodological approaches in scientific research, making them capable of selecting and applying concepts and methods in the most appropriate way for research. Learning instruments that not only make it possible to analyze, interpret and prepare academic work, which is consistent, structured and coherent, but also proves to be valid and useful in different professional circumstances/scenarios.

16. Skills to be acquired

Ability to collect, choose, analyze, interpret, develop and present information (in written or oral form) in the form of a scientific research work, appropriate to the outlined objectives and with the scientific requirements of rigor and foundation.

17. Teaching Methodology

The classes have a theoretical aspect, in which the teacher presents the subject, and a practical aspect, in which the discussion of specialized texts and work presentations are promoted by the students, who will also have to prepare an academic article/chapter, preferably oriented towards the theme of the master's thesis.

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18. Course Unit Program

PART I. Information about the subject
1. Presentation of the program, the methodology of theoretical classes, the assessment method, class planning and doubt schedule
2. Recommended bibliography

PART II. Scientific Investigation
1.Introduction: nature and object of the discipline
2. Scientific Methodology
2.1. Methodology in Social Sciences and Legal Sciences
2.1.1. What is science
2.1.2. Method, methods and techniques
2.2. Theoretical and conceptual considerations about scientific work
3. Ethical and functional aspects of scientific work
4. Types of scientific research
4.1. Qualitative/quantitative
4.2. Exploratory/descriptive/explanatory
4.3. Bibliographic/fieldwork/surveys/case studies/experimental/?

PART III. The investigation process
1.Stages in preparing scientific work
1.1. Motivation/Objective
1.2. Work planning
1.3. Strategies for understanding and interpreting texts
1.4. Structuring
1.5. elaboration
1.6. Text composition

2.Construction of work
2.1. Starting question
2.2. Exploration of the theme
2.3. The problem
2.4. Analysis model
2.5. Collection of data and information resources (traditional and digital)
2.6. Analysis
2.7. The basic format: summary + introduction + chapters + conclusion
2.8. Citation rules
2.9. Sources and bibliography
2.10. Timeline
2.11. Revision

PART IV. Presentation and defense of work

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19. Assessment Methods

- Attendance;
- Academic article;
- Presentation of the academic article in class.

20. Didactic Resources

Texts selected for the topics discussed in class.

21. Sustainability Objectives

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.

22. Keywords

Research
Methodology
Ethic
Dissertation

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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): Luc Van Campenhoudt, Jacques Marquet e Raymond Quivy
Title: Manual de Investigação em Ciências Sociais
Edition: 1 Year: 2019
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Gradiva
ISBN Code:

Author(s): Alan Bryman
Title: Social Research Methods
Edition: 4 Year: 2012
Local: Oxford
Publisher: Oxford University Press
ISBN Code:

Author(s): Robert Yin
Title: Estudo de Caso. Planejamento e Métodos
Edition: 5 Year: 2015
Local: Porto Alegre
Publisher: Bookman
ISBN Code:

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): João Terrenas, Liliana Reis & Susana Rogeiro Nina
Title: Manual de Métodos de Investigação em Relações Internacionais
Edition: 1 Year: 2005
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Almedina
ISBN Code:

Author(s): Lúcio Santos & Joaquim Lima (Coord.)
Title: Orientações metodológicas para a elaboração de trabalhos de investigação
Edition: 2 Year: 2019
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Instituto Universitário Militar

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