

Course Unit	Business Law I	Field of study	Law
Bachelor in	Management	School	School of Technology and Management
Academic Year	2023/2024	Year of study	1
Type	Semestral	Semester	2
Level	1-1	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	9147-707-1202-00-23		
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T - TP 60 PL - TC - S - E - OT - O -

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Understand the structure of the Portuguese legal system.
2. Have a broad knowledge of the legal regulations related with the business activity, namely the law of obligations and the main contracts.
3. Carry on, in an efficient manner, the legal procedure necessary to create a business.
4. Take part in designing legal operations on companies and take knowledge about a business establishment transmission.
5. Use bills of exchange.

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
Not required.

Course contents

Fundamentals of law theory; Law of Obligations; Contracts; Notions of Commercial Law; Bills of exchange.

Course contents (extended version)

1. Fundaments of law
 - Rules of law and the Constitution
 - The legal relation of subjects
 - The sources of law in the Portuguese legal system.
2. Law of Obligations
 - Introduction: notions, function and structure
 - Sources of obligations: contracts, unilateral business and civil liability
 - Obligations compliance and default: defective compliance and delay
 - Obligations legal guarantee
3. Contrats
 - Forward commitment
 - Contract of sale
 - Simple loan contract
 - Lease: rental, lease and leasing
 - Agency
 - Franchising
4. Notions of Commercial Law
 - Commercial act
 - Legal regimen of the acts and commercial obligations
 - Specific commercial contracts
 - Commercial company as a business object: commercial rental and transfer
 - The commercial subjects: individual business subject and commercial company
5. Bills of exchange
 - Concept, purposes and characteristics
 - Types of bills of exchange

Recommended reading

1. Almeida Costa, M. J. (2018). Direito das Obrigações (12ª Edição), Reimpressão 2023, Almedina.
2. Almeida, C. F. (2022). Contratos I - Conceitos, Fontes, Formação (7ª Edição), Almedina.
3. Antunes, J. (2021). Os Títulos de Crédito (10.ª Ed.), Editora Gestlegal.
4. Coutinho de Abreu, J. M. (2022). Curso de Direito Comercial, Volume I, (13ª Edição), Almedina.
5. Santos Justo, A. (2023). Introdução ao Estudo de Direito (14ª Edição), Petrony.

Teaching and learning methods

The unit learning methodology is based on an intensive work with the legislation in the class. Explanation of legal concepts and classifications is limited to a minimum. The teacher presents cases with a variable degree of complexity to the class, who is requested to find the answers in the legislation.

Assessment methods

1. Alternative A: Continuous assessment - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary)
 - Practical Work - 35% (Presentation in class, with a maximum duration of 10 minutes.)
 - Final Written Exam - 65%
2. Alternative B - (Regular, Student Worker) (Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%
3. Alternative C: Students under ERASMUS Programme - (Regular) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Development Topics - 100%

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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