

Course Unit	Fundamental Notions of Law	Field of study	Law
Bachelor in	Public Management and Administration	School	School of Public Management, Communication and Tourism
Academic Year	2023/2024	Year of study	1
Type	Semestral	Semester	1
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T - 60 TP - 60 PL - 60 TC - 60 S - 60 E - 60 OT - 20 O - 60
Level	1-1	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	9165-315-1105-00-23		

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. Identify the legal system as an integral and complementary to the social order; identify the branches of law; and understand the importance of the sources of law.
2. Identify the different legislative acts, understand when they entry into force and when they expire, as well as mastering the techniques of integration and interpretation of laws.
3. Acquire knowledge on the various types of illegality.
4. Acquire knowledge on the assumptions of liability.
5. Identify and understand the elements of the legal relationship.
6. Acquire knowledge and understand the normative, organizational and control structures in the Portuguese constitutional law.
7. Acquire knowledge on the European Union institutions, its functioning and their decision procedures.
8. Identify the problems and solve them in a practical way.

Prerequisites

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

Course contents

Part I - Elementary Notions of Law. Part II - Constitutional Law. Part III - European Union Law.

Course contents (extended version)

1. Elementary Notions of Law
 - Legal system
 - Branches of Law
 - Sources of Law
 - Law
 - Unlawfulness
 - Civil Liability: contractual liability and non-contractual liability
 - Legal relationship and its elements
2. Constitutional Law
 - Fundamental rights
 - Organization of the political power
 - Review of constitutionality
 - Revision of the Constitution
3. European Union Law
 - Historical evolution
 - Institutions and bodies
 - Legal acts

Recommended reading

1. Borchardt, K. (2017). O ABC do direito da união europeia. Luxemburgo: Serviço das Publicações da União Europeia. ISBN: 9789279636493.
2. Couto, R. , Ferreira dos Santos, S. , & Neiva Santos, M. (2021). Casos práticos - Introdução ao direito e teoria geral do direito civil. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724094700.
3. Ferreira, J. A. G. , et al. (2022). Introdução ao direito. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724097657.
4. Vaz, M. , et al. (2015). Direito constitucional - O sistema constitucional português. Porto: Universidade Católica Portuguesa. ISBN: 9789898366931.
5. Vieira, I. , et al. (2022). Manual de direito e de cidadania. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789894008514.

Teaching and learning methods

Presentation and discussion of the program of the course unit. Resolution of practical cases, with application of the legal concepts and the legal rules.

Assessment methods

1. Final evaluation - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%
2. Final evaluation - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
 - Intermediate Written Test - 50% (Minimum grade for access to the 2nd midterm test: 7.0 points)
 - Final Written Exam - 50%
3. Exchange Students - (Regular) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Development Topics - 60% (Written work - 15 pages)
 - Presentations - 40% (Defense of written work)

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation			
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