

Course Unit	Local Government		Field of study	Public Administration	
Bachelor in	Public Management and Administration		School	School of Public Management, Communication and Tourism	
Academic Year	2022/2023	Year of study	3	Level	1-3
Type	Semestral	Semester	1	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	9165-315-3104-00-22				
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T -	TP 50	PL 10
			TC -	S -	E -
			OT 20	O -	

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

Name(s) of lecturer(s) Claudia Cristina Silva Costa

Learning outcomes and competences

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

1. Understand the structure of local government in Portugal.
2. Analyze the evolution of local finances.
3. Analyze new models of local public service delivery.
4. Use of the tools of urban management.

Prerequisites

Not applicable

Course contents

Introduction to Local Governance | Characterization of Local Government | Local Finance | Economy and Local Development | The Local Administrative Reform and Modernization | Local Organization | Local Public Policy.

Course contents (extended version)

1. Introduction to Local Governance
 - Local Authorities: Municipalities and Parishes
 - Historical Trend: The Old Regime, The First Republic, The New State, The Third Republic
2. Characterization of Local Government
 - Assignments and Competencies. Local Political System. Human Resources
 - Competencies and Juridical Regime: Municipalities and Parishes
3. Local Finances
 - Budget Functions, Evolution of Local Finance, Sources of Funding
 - Property Taxes
 - Local Financial Reform
4. Economy and Local Development
 - Models of Local Development, Constraints of Local and Regional Development
 - Regionalization vs. Decentralization
5. Local Administrative Reform and Modernization
 - New Public Management (NPM): The transfer to the local reality
 - Reforms and Administrative Changes
6. Local Organization
 - In-House Solutions, Local Empresarial Sector, Private Sector
 - Non-profit sector, Intermunicipal Partnerships
7. Local Public Policy
 - Urban Management, The Regional Planning

Recommended reading

1. Bilhim, J. (2004). A governação nas autarquias locais. Estoril: Principia.
2. Bravo, A. B. & Vasconcellos e Sá, J. A. (2000). Autarquias locais: Descentralização e melhor gestão. Lisboa: Verbo. ISBN 972-22-2021-7.
3. Castanheira, M. J. (2004). Governo e administração local. Coimbra: Editora Almedina. ISBN 9789723212488.
4. Pereira, P. T., Dias, R. & Almeida, M. (2016). Autarquias locais: democracia, governação e finanças. Coimbra: Editora Almedina. ISBN 9789724065830.
5. Tavares, A. F. (2022). Governo Local e Administração Autárquica. Lisboa: Edições Sílabo. ISBN: 978-989-561-207-9

Teaching and learning methods

The contact hours will be focused on discussion and analysis of programmatic content accompanied by the interpretation of real and practical situations.

Assessment methods

1. Distributed Evaluation - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary)
 - Practical Work - 70%
 - Intermediate Written Test - 30%
2. Final Exam Evaluation - (Regular, Student Worker) (Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%
3. Alunos em Programas de Mobilidade - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Practical Work - 100% (Teams of 3 elements | Positive presentations will be taken into account | Minimum score of 8/20)
 - Final Written Exam - 30% (Minimum score of 8/20)

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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