

Course Unit	Constitutional Law	Field of study	Law
Bachelor in	Law for Solicitors	School	School of Public Management, Communication and Tourism
Academic Year	2025/2026	Year of study	1
Type	Semestral	Semester	1
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T - , TP 60, PL - , TC - , S - , E - , OT 20, O -
		Level	1-1
		ECTS credits	6.0
		Code	9242-317-1102-00-25

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) Lia Esteves Borges de Araujo

Learning outcomes and competences

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

1. Know and understand the normative, organizational and control structures in the Portuguese constitutional law.
2. Identify the fundamental rights and duties established in the Portuguese Constitution
3. Apply the constitutional concepts and normative to practical situations.

Prerequisites

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

Course contents

1) Introduction: State, Constitution and Fundamental Rights. 2) Organization of political power. 3) Guaranteeing and revision of the Constitution.

Course contents (extended version)

1. INTRODUCTION
 - Elements of the State
 - The Constitution
 - Fundamental Rights
2. ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL POWER
 - Elements of the democratic political model
 - Bodies that exercise sovereign power and other bodies with constitutional status
 - Characterization of the Portuguese Political System: government, parties and elections
3. GUARANTEEING AND REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION
 - Review of constitutionality
 - Revision of the Constitution

Recommended reading

1. Canotilho, J. G. (2018). Direito constitucional e teoria da constituição (7.ª edição - reimpressão 2019). Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724021065.
2. Couto, R. , Santos, S. (2013). Casos práticos - introdução ao direito e direito constitucional. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724053592.
3. Gouveia, J. B. (2018). Manual de direito constitucional - volume II (reimpressão da 6.ª edição). Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724067964.
4. Miranda, J. (2017). Direitos fundamentais (2.ª edição). Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724072173.
5. Vaz, M. et al. (2015). Direito constitucional. O sistema constitucional português (2.ª edição). Coimbra: Coimbra Editora. ISBN 9789898366931.

Teaching and learning methods

Presentation and debate of programme contents. Resolution of practical cases, with application of the legal concepts and normatives. Accomplishment of work proposals.

Assessment methods

1. Final written exam - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%
2. Exchange students - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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