

Course Unit	Introduction to Law	Field of study	Law
Bachelor in	Law for Solicitors	School	School of Public Management, Communication and Tourism
Academic Year	2022/2023	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	9242-317-1105-00-22		

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) Susana Isabel Pinto Ferreira dos Santos Gil

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.
2. Understand the importance of the sources of law.
3. 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.
4. Acquire knowledge on the various types of illegality.
5. Acquire knowledge on the assumptions of liability.
6. Identify and understand the elements of the legal relationship.
7. Acquire knowledge on the portuguese judicial organization.
8. Identify the problems and solve them in a pratical way.

Prerequisites

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

Course contents

Elementary notions of law. Branches of law. Standard Legal. Sources of Law. Legislative and coding techniques. Law. Unlawfulness. Civil Liability. Legal Relationship. Judicial Organization.

Course contents (extended version)

1. ELEMENTARY NOTIONS OF LAW
 - Legal system
 - Concept of Law
 - Branches of Law
 - Legal Standard
 - Sources of Law
 - Codification and legislative techniques
 - The Law - Entry into force - Term - Hierarchy - Interpretation
 - Integration - Application in time - Territorial conflicts of law
 - The Unlawfulness - Concept of Illegality - Exclusions from unlawful
 - The Civil Liability - Contractual liability - Non-contractual liability
2. THE LEGAL RELATIONSHIP
 - Concept and elements of the Legal Relationship
 - The Subjects of the Legal Relationship - Concept of personality - Personal Rights
 - Legal status of enjoyment and exercise - Disability of enjoyment and performance - Legal Persons
 - The Subject of Legal Relationship
 - Legal Fact - Concept and classifications - The Legal Act - Nullity of the Legal Act
 - The Guarantee
3. THE JUDICIAL ORGANIZATION
 - Standards of judicial constitutional organization
 - Administrative and Fiscal Courts
 - Judicial Courts

Recommended reading

1. 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.
2. Cura, A. V. (2018). Organização judiciária portuguesa. Coimbra: Gestlegal. ISBN 9789898951052.
3. Ferreira, J. A. G. [et al] (2021). Introdução ao direito. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724097657.
4. Hörster, H. E. & Silva, E. S. M. da (2019). A parte geral do código civil português. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724081465.
5. Vieira, I. C. [et al] (2019). Manual de direito e de cidadania. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724078229.

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 Written Exam - 100% - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
2. Distributed evaluation - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary)
 - Presentations - 20% (Presentation in groups of two (40m). Option of individual only for student workers (20m).)
 - Final Written Exam - 80%
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

Susana Isabel Pinto Ferreira dos Santos Gil	Susana Isabel Pinto Ferreira dos Santos Gil	Catarina Alexandra Alves Fernandes	Luisa Margarida Barata Lopes
03-10-2022	03-10-2022	04-10-2022	10-10-2022