

Course Unit	Introduction to Law	Field of study	Law
Bachelor in	Law for Solicitors	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 - , TP 60, PL - , TC - , S - , E - , OT 20, O -
Level	1-1	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	9242-317-1105-00-23		

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.
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 practical 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. Almedina.
2. Cura, A. V. (2018). Organização judiciária portuguesa. Gestlegal.
3. Ferreira, J. A. G. [et al] (2022). Introdução ao direito. Almedina.
4. Hörster, H. E. & Silva, E. S. M. da (2019). A parte geral do código civil português. Almedina.
5. Vieira, I. C. [et al] (2022). Manual de direito e de cidadania. Almedina.

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)
 - Presentations - 20% (Presentation in groups of two (40m). Individual only for student workers (20m)
 - Final Written Exam - 80%
2. Final Evaluation - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%
3. Exchange Students - (Regular) (Final, Supplementary)
 - Development Topics - 60% (Written work - 15 pages)
 - Presentations - 40% (Defense of written work)
4. Exchange Students - (Regular) (Final, Supplementary)
 - Presentations - 20% (Individual presentation (20m)
 - Final Written Exam - 80%

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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