

Course Unit	Commercial Law		Field of study	Law	
Bachelor in	Law for Solicitors		School	School of Public Management, Communication and Tourism	
Academic Year	2021/2022	Year of study	1	Level	1-1
Type	Semestral	Semester	2	ECTS credits	6.0
			Code	9242-317-1201-00-21	
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T -	TP 60	PL -
			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

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#### Learning outcomes and competences

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

1. Interpret the portuguese commercial law;
2. Acquire knowledge on the sole trader, the commercial establishment and the commercial companies;
3. Acquire knowledge on the commercial contracts and the securities;
4. Apply the legal concepts and normatives in practical situations.

#### Prerequisites

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

#### Course contents

Introduction. Commercial Acts. Traders. Commercial Establishment. Commercial Companies. Commercial Contracts. Securities.

#### Course contents (extended version)

1. INTRODUCTION
  - Concept of Commercial Law
  - Historical evolution
  - Autonomy of Commercial Law
  - Sources of Commercial Law
  - Interpretation and Integration of Commercial Law
2. COMMERCIAL ACTS
  - Concept of commercial act
  - Classifications of commercial acts
  - Legal System of Commercial Acts and Obligations
3. TRADERS
  - Persons qualified as traders
  - Persons unqualified as traders
  - Persons inhibited to be traders
  - The statute of the traders
4. THE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT
  - Concept, elements and the legal nature
  - Legal transaction on the Commercial Establishment:
    - Transfer
    - Commercial Lease
5. COMMERCIAL COMPANY
  - Concept of Commercial Company
  - General characterization of the legal categories of Commercial Companies
6. COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS
  - Agency Agreement
  - Franchise Contract
  - Commercial Concession Contract
7. SECURITIES
  - Concept, function and characteristics
  - The main securities:
    - Bill of exchange
    - Promissory note
    - Check

#### Recommended reading

1. Coutinho de Abreu, J. (2019). Curso de direito comercial - Volume I. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724080192.
2. Coutinho de Abreu, J. (2021). Curso de direito comercial - Volume II - Das sociedades. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724094045.
3. Pinto Furtado, J. (2015). Títulos de crédito. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724058856.
4. Pinto Monteiro, A. (2009). Direito comercial - contratos de distribuição comercial. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN 9789724016146.
5. Pupo Correia, M. (2018). Direito comercial. Lisboa: Ediforum. ISBN 9789898438201.

#### 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. Incoming Students - (Regular) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
  - Presentations - 100% (written work)

**Language of instruction**

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

**Electronic validation**

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