

Course Unit	Commercial 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	2
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T - , TP 60, PL - , TC - , S - , E - , OT 20, O -
		Level	1-1
		ECTS credits	6.0
		Code	9242-317-1201-00-25

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

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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. (2022). Curso de Direito Comercial - Volume I. 13ª ed. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN: 978-989-40-0702-9.
2. Coutinho de Abreu, J. (2024). Curso de Direito Comercial - Volume II. 8ª ed. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN: 978-989-40-1813-1.
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. Pinto Monteiro, A. (2023). Contrato de Agência. 10ª ed. Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN: 978-989-40-1247-4.

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 I - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%
2. Final Evaluation II - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary)
 - Presentations - 20%
 - Final Written Exam - 80%

Assessment methods

3. Exchange Students - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
- Presentations - 100% (Incoming)
 - Final Written Exam - 100% (Outgoing)

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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