

Course Unit	Family 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	2
Type	Semestral	Semester	1
Level	1-2	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	9242-317-2102-00-25		
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

Name(s) of lecturer(s) Rute Isabel Esteves Ferreira Couto Fernandes

#### Learning outcomes and competences

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

1. Know and interpretate the applicable legal regimen to the familiar relations (marriage, blood relationship, affinity and adoption) and others.
2. Understand the state intervention in Family Law.
3. Know and interpret the legal regimen of guardianship and protection of minors.
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

- 1) Elementary knowledge of Family Law. 2) Marriage. 3) Parenthood. 4) Legal regime of Adoption. 5) Maintenance obligation. 6) Other family relationships.

#### Course contents (extended version)

1. ELEMENTARY KNOWLEDGE OF FAMILY LAW
  - Family Law
  - Family relationships
  - The State and the Family
2. MARRIAGE
  - Forms of marriage: civil and catholic
  - Requirements of the marriage celebration: capacity, consent and formalities
  - Invalidity of marriage
  - Personal and proprietary effects of marriage
  - Modification of the marital relationship
  - Divorce
3. PARENTHOOD
  - Establishment of Parenthood: maternity and paternity
  - Effects of parenthood
  - Parental Responsibility
  - Guardianship and Asset Management
  - Medically Assisted Procreation
  - Protection of Children and Young People in Danger
4. LEGAL REGIME OF ADOPTION
5. MAINTENANCE OBLIGATION
6. OTHER FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS
  - Non-marital partnership
  - Shared Economy
  - Civil Custody of Minors

#### Recommended reading

1. Campos, D. & Campos, M. (2023). Lições de direito da família (6.ª edição - reimpressão 2024). Almedina.
2. Leitão, L. (2024). Direito da Família. Almedina
3. Oliveira, G. & Ramos, R. (2021). Manual de direito da família (2.ª edição - reimpressão 2024). Almedina.
4. Pinheiro, J. (2023). O direito da família contemporâneo (8.ª edição). Gestlegal.
5. Tomás, S. , Falcão, M. & Serra, M. (2018). Direito da família - da teoria à prática (3.ª edição). Almedina.

#### 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 assessment (2 tests) - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
  - Intermediate Written Test - 50%
  - Final Written Exam - 50%
2. Final assessment (exam) - (Regular) (Supplementary, Special)
3. Final assessment (exam) - (Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
4. Exchange students - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
  - Final Written Exam - 50%
  - Presentations - 50%

**Language of instruction**

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

**Electronic validation**

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