

Course Unit	Succession 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	2
Level	1-2	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	9242-317-2201-00-25		
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

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Learning outcomes and competences

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

1. Acquire knowledge of legal rules applicable to succession relations;
2. Acquire knowledge on the rules of civil law to solve the problem of post-mortem fate of the legal relations of the deceased.
3. Analyze and interpret the applicable legal rules, subsumed the chances of practical life.

Prerequisites

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

Course contents

The concept of succession; The opening of the succession; The succession vocation in general; The legitimate and legitimary succession; The voluntary succession: contractual and testamentary succession.

Course contents (extended version)

1. The concept of succession: Purpose and scope of the succession
2. Appointment of successors
3. The heritage and legacy
4. The opening of the succession
 - The vocation succession in general
 - Unusual vocations: the right of representation, direct replacement, right to add, replace trustees
5. The succession substitutions
6. The legitimate succession and succession legitimize; the calculation of legitimacy
7. Handling of donations made by the author's; the issue of reduction.
8. The legacy for the legitimate and the legacy in place of the legitimate
9. The colação institute
10. The european succession regulation
11. The reciprocal waiver of the surviving spouse as a legitimate heir

Recommended reading

1. Amaral, J. A. P. (2019). Direito da família e das sucessões. Almedina. Reimpressão 2022 da 6ª Edição. ISBN 9789724081403
2. Campos, M. M. (2024). Lições de direito das sucessões. Almedina. 5ª Edição - Reimpressão 2024. ISBN 9789894018988
3. Dias, C. M. A. (2025). Lições de direito das sucessões. Almedina. ISBN 9789894024460
4. Falcão M, Serra M, D. A. (2025). Direito das Sucessões - Da teoria à prática. Almedina. ISBN 9789894023470
5. Pitta, P. & Carvalho, C. N. (2021). Direito das sucessões - Lições, exemplos práticos e jurisprudência. Almedina. ISBN 9789724093727

Teaching and learning methods

Presentation and discussion of programmatic content. Resolution of practical cases, applying the concepts and laws.

Assessment methods

1. Final Written Exam - 100% - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
2. Exchange Students - (Regular) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Presentations - 100% (written work minimum 20 pages)

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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