

Course Unit	Company Law		Field of study	Law	
Bachelor in	Law for Solicitors		School	School of Public Management, Communication and Tourism	
Academic Year	2022/2023	Year of study	3	Level	1-3
Type	Semestral	Semester	1	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	9242-317-3101-00-22				
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. Knowing the types of companies;
2. Distinguish commercial companies of similar figures;
3. Identify the characteristics of each type of commercial society;
4. Identify and resolve problems related to commercial companies;
5. Master and interpret commercial law.

Prerequisites

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

Course contents

Part I: Concept of commercial company and related notions; Part II: Concept and legal categories of commercial companies; Part III: Establishing a commercial company; Part IV: Commercial company and capital shares (short reference); Part V: Other relevant matters.

Course contents (extended version)

1. Concept of Commercial Company and related notions:
 - Commercial company concept.
 - Basic elements of the general concept of Commercial Company: Subjects; Scope; Purpose; Losses.
 - Legal distinction between Commercial Company and Firm.
 - Specificities of a Commercial Company.
 - Categories of a civil law partnership.
2. Concept and legal categories of Commercial Companies:
 - General and specific elements of the concept of Commercial Company.
 - Distinction between related concepts.
 - The "legal type" principle in commercial company law.
 - Legal categories of commercial companies and their distinction.
3. Establishing a commercial company:
 - Legal personality and capacity of a Commercial Company.
 - Act of incorporation.
 - Partnership agreement: legal requirements, contents, mandatory and optional elements.
 - Mandatory register.
 - Mandatory publication.
 - Invalid act of incorporation.
 - Parasocial agreements.
4. Commercial company and capital shares (short reference):
 - Basic notions of capital shares.
 - Legal status of the partners.
 - Passive legal status of the partners.
 - Rights and obligations acquired with the capital shares.
 - Transmission of the capital shares and other changes (amortization; personal shares).
5. Other relevant matters:
 - Changes to the partnership agreement.
 - Commercial registration.
 - Adoption of a company name in the different types of commercial companies and the RRNPC.
 - Legal charges and fees regimen of the Commercial Registration and Notary.
 - Extinction of a commercial company.

Recommended reading

1. CORREIA, M. (2018), Direito comercial: direito da empresa (14.ª edição) Lisboa: Ediforum. ISBN: 9789898438201
2. ABREU, J. (2022), Curso de direito comercial, Volume I (13.ª edição) Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN: 9789894007029
3. ABREU, J. (2021), Curso de direito comercial, Volume II (7.ª edição) Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN: 9789724091389
4. CUNHA, P. O. (2019), Direito das sociedades comerciais (7.ª edição) Coimbra: Almedina. ISBN: 9789724079646

Teaching and learning methods

Exposure knowledge and debate the content of the program using examples and practical situations. Resolution of practical cases.

Assessment methods

1. Final Written Exam - 100% - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
2. Exchange Students - (Regular) (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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