

LAW FUNDAMENTALS

Degree in Public Management

Code: 11111

Main Scientific Area: Private Law

Lecturer: Ana Isabel Moreira Maia

Language of Instruction: Portuguese

Regime: S1

Contact Hours: 45h Total Workload: 81h

ECTS: 4,5

Objectives

The main goal of this curricular unit is to provide a wide range of knowledge and useful information regarding Law and its general notions. Therefore, the students will be provided with the essential concepts in order to understand the importance of Law and also the legal speech. The students will also be encouraged to reasoning their legal thoughts and question them.

Learning Outcomes

The students must be able to:

- Understand the concept of Law, as well the social nature of man;
- Identify the different legal regulation and the sources of Law;
- Use the juridical methodology in order to understand the legal regulation, the integration of legal gaps, and also their time application;
- Describe the legal relationship, its structure, notion and elements;
- Master the basic concepts of Civil Law.

Course Contents

I. Concept and fundamental problems:

- Social nature of man;
- Law as a human and social phenomenon;
- Objective Law and subjective Law;
- The fundamental values of the Law;
- Legal sanctions;
- Administrative and judicial supervision;

II. Sources of Law:

- Concept; classification;

III. Systems of Law:

- Public Law and Private Law;

- Several branches of Law.

IV. Legal Method:

- Interpretation of Law;

- Integration of gaps;

- Application of law in time;

- Application of law in space.

Recommended Bibliography

MACHADO, João Baptista, Introdução ao Direito e ao discurso legitimador, Porto, Almedina, 2017 AMARAL, Diogo Freitas do, Manual de Introdução ao Direito, Vol. I, Coimbra, Almedina, 2004;

Learning and Teaching Methods

According to the curricular unit syllabus, the main goal is that students understand the principles and the essential knowledge of law and, also, develop the skills to acknowledge the basic law concepts and be able to apply them in multiple case studies.

Assessment Methods

The evaluation in this curricular unit will be based in two evaluation test (each test represents 50% of the final grade).

Only students with grades equal or higher than 9,5 values will be approved.

The studentseL/bL will be avaliated based in one final teste.