

INTRODUCTION DO LAW

Code: 16306

Main Scientific Area: Private Law

Lecturer: Carlos Gabriel da Silva Loureiro

Language of Instruction: Portuguese

Regime: S1

Contact Hours: 60h Total Workload: 108h

ECTS: 6,0

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 develop their legal reasoning and question their knowledge.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the semester, students are expected to be able to:

- Understand the concept of Law, as well the social nature of mankind;
- Identify the characteristics of legal norms and sources of law;
- Use the legal methodology in the interpretation of rules, filling of gaps, as well as in the application of the law in time and space;
- Describe the legal relationship, its structure, concept 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 enforcement;

II. Sources of Law:

Concept; classification;

III. Methodology of Law:

Interpretation of Law; filling of gaps; application of law in time; application of law in space

IV. Legal Relationship:

Concept; classification; structure; elements; time and its impact.

Recommended Bibliography

JUSTO, A. Santos, Introdução ao Estudo do Direito, 14.^a Edição, Petrony editora, 2023

MACHADO, João Baptista, Introdução ao Direito e ao discurso legitimador, Almedina, 2023 (reimp.)

SOUSA, Domingos Pereira de, Introdução ao Direito, 2.^a Edição, Quid Juris, 2021

LOUREIRO, Carlos, Sumários Desenvolvidos de Introdução ao Direito, 2023.

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 and on simple research activities.

Assessment Methods

I) Continuous assessment:

- a) A mini-quiz (MQ);
- b) A written test (T);
- c) A group research paper (RP)
- d) An oral presentation of the research paper (PRP)

The final grade (FG) will be the weighted average of the different components, according to the following formula:

$$FG = MQ \times 0.25 + T \times 0.5 + RP \times 0.15 + PRP \times 0.1$$

The dates of the tests to be held in classroom will be announced by the course management on the Moodle platform. Failure to appear in any of the assessment moments a) or b) will be considered as a withdrawal from the continuous assessment.

Exam seasons

The assessment consists of a single written exam.

Mobility students

ERASMUS or other incoming students who do not speak Portuguese may opt to be assessed by carrying out a research paper (25%) and an oral exam (75%), to be held in English or French.

