

FAMILY LAW

Degree in Legal Studies (Solicitors)

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Code: 16606

Main Scientific Area: Private Law

Lecturer: Márcia Fernanda Ribeiro de Oliveira

Language of Instruction: Portuguese

Regime: S2

Contact Hours: 60h Total Workload: 108h

ECTS: 6,0

Objectives

The main goal of this curricular unit is to provide the students with a wide range of knowledge and useful information of Family Law, so they can put it in practice. Therefore, the students will be provided with the essential concepts in order to understand the importance of Family Law. The students will also be encouraged to reasoning their juridical thoughts and question them.

Learning Outcomes

Understand the concept of Family Law;

- Identify the different legal regulation and the sources of Family Law;
- Describe the different types of family relationships, its structure, notion and elements;
- Understand the different legal outline between marriage and cohabitation;
- Master the basic concepts of Family Law and be able to apply them in multiple case studies.

Course Contents

I. Family Law and family rights;

II. Family Relationships;

1. Legal notion of family;

2. Family relationships;

3. Parenthood;

4. Adoption;

5. Marriage and Divorce (personal and property effects)

6. Cohabitation (personal and property effects)

Recommended Bibliography

*Pinheiro, Jorge Duarte, Direito da Família Contemporâneo, Coimbra, Gestlegal, 2020;

*Coelho, Francisco Pereira e Oliveira, Guilherme de, Curso de Direito da Família, vol. I, 5ª Ed., Coimbra, Coimbra Editora, 2016 (com as necessárias atualizações);

*Cruz, Rossana Martingo, Legislação Direito da Família e das Crianças, 4ª Ed., Gestlegal, 2023

*Cruz, Rossana Martingo Cruz, União de facto versus casamento: questões pessoais e patrimoniais, Coimbra, 2ª Ed., Gestlegal 2023.

Learning and Teaching Methods

According to the curricular unit syllabus, the main goal is that students understand the principles of Family Law, the complexity of family conflicts and, also, develop the skills to acknowledge the basic concepts of Family Law and be able to apply them in multiple case studies.

Assessment Methods

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

It is required, in first written test, a minimum grade of 8 values.

The dates for the evaluation moments, after duly validated, will be transmitted to the students by the Course Direction.

Erasmus students may have a different evaluation method.