

Level of qualification:

First cycle (EQF level 6) - Bachelor

Study cycle:

Legal Services

Course Unit: 9242516 – Business Law I

Year 2

Semester 4

ISCED Code: 380

ECTS: 6,0

Type of Course Unit: Compulsory Delivery Mode: Face-to-face

Language of Instruction: Portuguese

COURSE COORDINATOR: Hugo Cunha Lança

HOURS OF WORK

TOTAL HOURS	Contact Hours							Hours in autonomous work	
	Theory	Theory and practice	Practical and laboratory work	Field work	Seminar	Internship	Tutorial guidance		Other
150		45	30				0		75

Prerequisites (if applicable): N/a

LEARNING OUTCOMES (knowledge, skills and competence)

The objective of the present U.C. is to provide students with the following knowledge and technical skills:

1. Understand the fundamental characters of the Portuguese jus-economic organization;
2. Understand the typology of commercial agents;
3. Understand the concept of business organisation, its importance and means of movement;
4. Identify the different means of financing a business;
5. Understand the legal regime of trademarks;
6. Be competent to analyse the most relevant commercial contracts.

CONTENTS

1. The foundations of Commercial Law
2. The sources of commercial law.
3. The act of trade.
4. The subjects of Commercial Law.
5. The company.
6. Corporate Social Responsibility.
7. Business financing.
8. Trademarks: fundamental characters.
9. Commercial contracts.

DEMONSTRATION OF THE CONTENTS COHERENCE WITH THE COURSE UNIT'S LEARNING OUTCOMES

The present course unit aims to provide students with theoretical knowledge on rules applicable to business organisations and their industrial property, in order for students to be able to work as in-house solicitors or in private practice, including counselling private clients. The practical component of this course unit will be the developed of relevant documents, as well as the resolution of practical exercises in class.

The interconnection between the program contents and its objectives is as follows:

1. The foundations of Commercial Law - objective 1.
2. The sources of commercial law - objective 1.
3. The act of trade - objective 1.
4. The subjects of Commercial Law - objective 2.
5. The company - objective 3.
6. Corporate Social Responsibility- objective 1.
7. Business financing - objective 4.
8. Trademarks: fundamental characters - objective 5.
9. Commercial contracts - objective 6.

TEACHING METHODOLOGIES

Lectures, individual or group presentations and analysis of case law and research articles, as well as guided study, using ICT.

Materials, informations and other content will be made available on the course Moodle platform, which will also be used for the interaction between lecturer and students.

Classes will be devoted to the discussion of connected topics, as well as the resolution of problems and the drafting and analysis of documents related to business organisations and patents.

DEMONSTRATION OF THE COHERENCE BETWEEN THE TEACHING METHODOLOGIES AND THE LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course will follow a methodology centered in learning promoted by the practical application relevant knowledge, through the resolution of problems and practical cases, with the support of the new technologies - Objective 1.

The drafting of documents, as well as the resolution of practical cases is designed to prepare students to be able to discuss problems and solve practical cases - Objective 2.

EVALUATION METHODS

There are three different evaluation periods: (i) Continuous Evaluation; (ii) Evaluation by Final Exam; and (iii) Time of Appeal.

1) Continuous evaluation: it is comprised by written evaluation, work in the classroom and one oral exam. The sum of these elements of evaluation will result in a score that is susceptible to appeal or improvement during the Time of Appeal. The grade of the oral test is eliminatory.

2) Final Exam: it is comprised by a written test (50%) and an oral exam (50%). The written test and the oral exam does not depend on previous performance in any of the elements mentioned above. The grade obtained in this phase is subject to appeal or improvement in the Time of Appeal. The grade of the oral test is final.

3) Time of Appeal: it is comprised by one oral exam which represents 100% of the grade. Students are allowed to sit the Time of Appeal exam regardless of being subject to any previous evaluation.

MAIN BIBLIOGRAPHY

Essential:

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