



FACULDADE DE DIREITO  
Universidade de Lisboa

## Curricular unit sheet

### Bachelor's Course

#### Curricular unit

History of Legal history (course in English, 1<sup>st</sup> semester)

#### Responsible Academic staff and respective workload in the curricular unit (enter full name)

Professor Isabel Maria dos Santos Graes

#### Other academic staff and respective workloads in the curricular unit

Mestre Jorge Testos

#### Learning outcomes of the curricular unit

The optional course on Philosophy of Law in Historical Perspective aims to provide a framework and an overview of occidental legal reasoning since the Middle Ages till nowadays and how it had an impact on the legal systems, especially the Portuguese.

Once the analysis of the previous legal reasoning legacy establishes exemplary the formative knowledge of contemporary law, more than studying the various doctrines that occurred, the reflexion made in this discipline will critically bring together both the doctrines, the legal methodology of jurists and of law schools. So we intend to give special importance in the interpretation of law, the reasoning of judicial decisions and the legal argumentation.

In order to achieve these purposes, students will be given a complex of sources, that will provide a formative and global vision of the occidental law.

#### Syllabus

1. The Middle Ages
  - a. Philosophical and Law theories
  - b. The concepts of justice and the resistance to injustice
  - c. Introduction to the sources of the law
  - d. Political and methodology law and the teaching of law
2. Modern Age
  - a. Humanism and Law
  - b. Sovereignty and legislative power (Maquiavel and Bodin)
  - c. The second scholastic
  - d. The enlightenment project
  - e. Science of legislation
  - f. The beginning of the codification process
3. The Contemporary Age
  - a. The liberalism and the construction of a "new" law
  - b. The concept of "volonté générale"
  - c. Positivism versus the return of natural law. Legalism. Historicism. The anti-naturalism reaction
  - d. Postmodernity law

e. The internationalization of the legal systems.

Demonstration of the syllabus coherence with the curricular unit's objectives.

The program shows the constitution and historical evolution of the occidental legal systems, showing the various doctrines and political experiences that explained and justified the idea of normative plurality and the jurist function.

Teaching methodologies (including evaluation)

**Methodology:** The themes will be presented in theoretical classes by the teacher and the students are prompted to intervene whenever there will be doubts regarding the concerned subject. In the practical classes the subjects will be debated and the students shall deliver/present their paper works.

**Assessment:** It follows the methodology established in the Regulation of the Faculty of Law-Lisbon. By choosing continuous assessment (method A), the student is required to participate in classes by presenting oral presentations (50%) and writing a final research paper (50%). By opting for the final evaluation (method B), the student must carry out a written examination, in accordance with the evaluation regulations.

Demonstration of the coherence between the teaching methodologies and the learning outcomes

The main and essential lines indicated in the program will be developed in the theoretical classes providing the student a doctrinal knowledge. Nevertheless the student is invited to investigate the subjects through lectures and research of other sources, especially primary ones.

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NOTE: this map can be filled in as many times as necessary to describe the different curricular units.