



**WELCOME  
TO FDUL**



**FACULDADE DE DIREITO**  
UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA  
UNIVERSITY OF LISBON FACULTY OF LAW

**FACULTY OF LAW**  
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## FACULTY OF LAW - UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA


The Faculty of Law - Universidade de Lisboa (FDUL) is a centennial institution that combines strong tradition and innovation, following closely the most reputable International and European law schools. FDUL stands out because of its practical approach to the learning process.

Several of our alumni have proven to be social, economic and political influencers. Its cosmopolitan and increasingly international flair makes this school a place for everyone.

### A FACULTY WITH HISTORY

FDUL was founded in June 1913 by Afonso Costa, President of the Ministry of the V Government of the Portuguese Republic. The so-called 'Faculdade de Direito de Lisboa' (Faculty of Law of Lisbon), opened its doors in December 1913 with a relatively low number of lecturers - seven doctors and graduates - and a few dozen students.

In 1958, its headquarters moved to Cidade Universitária Campus, where it remains until today, as part of Universidade de Lisboa (ULisboa).



The Faculty of Law - Universidade de Lisboa is a place of freedom: freedom to educate, freedom to research, freedom to pass on and disseminate the legal culture.

Great personalities of the Portuguese political life have graduated here. Among others, we highlight former presidents of the Portuguese Republic (Mário Soares and Jorge Sampaio), former heads of government (Afonso Costa, Marcello Caetano, Adelino da Palma Carlos, Francisco Sá Carneiro, Francisco Pinto Balsemão) and the former President of the European Commission (José Manuel Durão Barroso). Now-a-days, the current President, Professor Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, has been a professor at FDUL, and the current Prime-Minister, António Costa, is a former student.

## THE UNIVERSITY

The Faculty of Law is one of the 18 Schools of Universidade de Lisboa.

ULisboa is over 100 years old and the largest Portuguese University, with 8 campuses all over the city of Lisbon and surroundings. The University welcomes around 50.000 students and offers 419 different degrees from all scientific areas.

The leading Portuguese University in several international rankings, Universidade de Lisboa houses innovative research units and academic projects. Offering a variety of exhibits, concerts, conferences and museums, ULisboa also stands out in the city's cultural and historical setting.



**3.678**

Regular International Students



**3.236**

Mobility International Students



**580**

International Partners



**81**

Research Units



**4.500**

Research Papers /year

## STUDY PROGRAMS IN LAW

**1** Bachelor Programme

**2** Master Programs - 27 Different Fields of Specialization

**1** International Joint Master Program in European Legal Practice

**1** Doctorate Program in Law - 11 Different Fields of Specialization



## LAW DEGREE – BACHELOR PROGRAM

This course provides the necessary tools to approach understand and treat legal acts, in particular by applying normative approaches to specific cases of everyday life.

The Degree's compulsory courses ensure a solid ground knowledge, allowing students to get a general perspective of the legal system, developing critical analysis skills, as well as a conceptual accuracy in argumentative reasoning. The elective courses are a strong complement for the students curricular and career ambitions.

After the 4-year Bachelor Programme, students can pursue carriers in several areas, but to practice as attorneys, after completion of the degree, they need to apply to the Bar Association, where they have to complete an internship.

To qualify for the internship, students must have a licensed attorney to act as patron, and to whom they will work for a period of 18 months. Students must also complete some specialization courses and workshops.

After the internship, they apply for a national exam, and only if they approve, will they be allowed to act as attorneys.

## LECTURES AND EVALUATION

The Faculty offers students theoretical and practical training. The theoretical lectures focus on the presentation of the different subjects by the Lecturer. As for practical classes, the Faculty offers small-size group classes, so that students can have a closer relationship with the lecturer. In this context, students will be expected to solve cases, participate in debates and trial simulations, and present papers and case analysis.

### GRADING SYSTEM

FDUL's grading system: 0 – 20

**A** Excellent  
17 to 20

**B** Very Good  
15 to 16

**C** Good  
13 to 14

**D** Satisfactory  
11 to 12

**E** Sufficient  
10

**FX** Fail  
8 to 9

**F** Fail  
Bellow 8

## MASTER PROGRAMS

The Faculty of Law offers three master programs:

### LEGAL PRACTICE

The Legal Practice Master is a complementary program to the undergraduate program in Law, with a 3-semester duration (90 ECTS). This program was designed for undergraduates that wish to enrich their qualifications with a program designed for the exercise of legal careers and other career opportunities that require sound legal knowledge.

### LEGAL SCIENCE

The Legal Science Master Program was designed to deepen legal science, expert knowledge and the capacity for creation and innovation. This study program requires two (2) semesters attending 3 annual courses, in a specific legal field, and two (2) semesters for preparing a thesis (120 ECTS), and is meant for those who aspire to develop research in legal science and to develop their research and autonomous work skills.



## **EUROPEAN LEGAL PRACTICE - ELPIS (INTERNATIONAL JOINT MASTER)**

The Joint Master in European Legal Practice is a program designed by a consortium between the Faculty of Law - Universidade de Lisboa (Portugal), the Gotfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover (Germany), University of Rouen Normandie (France) and Mykolas Romeris University in Vilnius (Lithuania), as a result of the ELPIS network cooperation.

The Program aims to create international legal experts capable of working with different legal systems. The students must study in at least two (2) of the universities of the consortium, and spend at least one semester in the second university.

This is a 4-semester program (120 ECTS).

### **DOCTORATE PROGRAM**

The Doctorate Program is a two-stage program: a short-term doctorate course (1 year), and the preparation of the doctorate thesis (3 years), 240 ECTS.

## OTHER INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMS

### **POST-GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM IN EUROPEAN, GLOBAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW**

This is a 60 ECTS non-degree awarding program, which the students can tailor according to their interests and goals. Students need to complete 42 ECTS with modules and submit an 18 ECTS paper on one of the subjects of the modules. The list of modules can be selected from the offer of intensive courses lectured at FDUL, during the academic year.

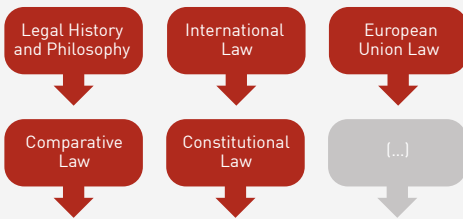
### **INTENSIVE COURSES**

Every academic year the Faculty of Law - Universidade de Lisboa promotes a set of intensive courses in the most varied law related themes. Invited Professors, from foreign universities, lecture these intensive courses, mainly in English, but some might even be in Spanish or French.

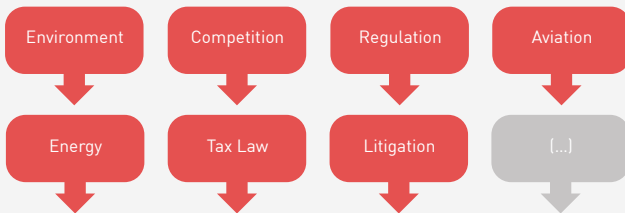


This is an offer intended not only as an in-house international offer for regular students, but also as an option for exchange students to get more credits during their study abroad experience. The selection of courses and lecturers is based on a comparative European and global approach to law.

These courses might also be attended by non- FDUL students.



**In areas such as**



**And legal systems like**



## COURSE CATALOGUE OFFER IN ENGLISH

FDUL does not have an all-English Program. However, we do offer some courses in the bachelor and Legal Practice Master Programs in English. We offer around 15 courses per semester in international, European, and comparative Law, among others.





**Courses from the  
bachelor program**  
(6 ECTS each)

**168**

Work  
Hours

**40**

Contact Hours  
of Theoretical  
Classes

**40**

Contact Hours  
of Practical  
Classes

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**Courses from the  
Legal Practice Master Program**  
(7 ECTS each)

**196**

Work  
Hours

**40**

Contact Hours  
of Theoretical  
Classes

**40**

Contact Hours  
of Practical  
Classes

## STUDY AND RESEARCH

### RESEARCH CENTRES

The Faculty of Law - Universidade de Lisboa encourages students to integrate several research projects within FDUL and its research centres. Our research projects and other scientific initiatives cover a wide set of law branches providing students with the chance to work closely with senior and more experienced researchers.

- Research Centre of European, Economic, Financial and Tax Law (CIDEFF)
- Research Centre of Criminal Law and Criminal Sciences (CIDPCC)
- Research Centre of Private Law
- Research Centre of Public Law
- Theory and History of Law of Universidade de Lisboa (THDUL)



**5** Research Centers

**128** Researchers

**21** Foreign Researchers

## LIBRARY



**LARGEST** Legal Library  
in Portugal

**93.252** Bibliographic Entries  
in Multiple Copies

**250** Reference  
Journals

FDUL accommodates the largest legal library and one of the most complete and diverse legal libraries in Portugal. The Library provides, among others, the following services:

- User support in their research and information retrieval, defining research strategies and giving information about the library services and rules;
- Laptop loan for exclusive use inside the library; Photocopy and printing services, with the possibility of partial copying of books (self-service and according to the current law copyright legislation);
- Training on the available information resources, search, and retrieval and processing of information;
- Offices for Master and Doctorate students, visiting researchers, and professors.

### Opening hours

Monday to Friday 09h00 – 22h00

Saturday 9h00 – 13h00

School vacation – 9h00 – 19h30

## INTERNATIONALISATION

Universidade de Lisboa welcomes around 7.000 foreign students every year – about 14% of the total number of students – from over 100 countries, who are seeking high quality education as well as a different culture, delightful weather and the hospitality that Lisbon, and Portugal, have to offer. ULisboa is currently Portugal's largest University and one of Europe's largest. Located in the heart of the city, it provides its entire community with the best and most diverse academic programs and aims to deliver a uniquely enriching experience.

At the Faculty of Law foreign students have a big impact on the academic life of the Faculty, with around 1.529 foreign students, coming to carry out a study period or participate in a full degree program.



**30%** Foreign Students



**25** Nationalities





## INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

### **Erasmus and International Relations Office (GERI)**

Manages cooperation agreements, exchange programs, and international affairs. Exchange programs for students, teachers and staff and other academic related projects, such as joint master programs and double degrees with foreign institutions, as well as strategic partnerships at international level for the development of the academic community are also managed in this office.

### **Legal Cooperation Institute (ICJ)**

Promotes programs with institutions from Portuguese speaking countries. Promotes and capacitates partner institutions by designing and lecturing modules and study programs, degree and non-degree awarding, on-site.

### **Brazilian Law Institute (IDB)**

Promotes programs with Brazilian institutions. Promotes a diversified set of activities for the academic community, such as short-term courses.

In the last few years the Faculty of Law has participated in several research projects and community driven projects for the promotion of inclusion in higher education. More recently, the Faculty of Law has been awarded a Jean Monnet Module and Chair for the promotion of European studies in the field of European Union Economic Law.

## STUDENT SERVICES

### STUDENT SUPPORT

#### TUTORING

Students may apply for a tutoring service, which can provide them with complementary and personalised support throughout the course. The FDUL tutors' network consists of undergraduate students or recent graduates, supervised by the teaching staff related to the relevant course units.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER SUPPORTS

The Social Responsibility Office operates in association with Serviços de Ação Social da Universidade de Lisboa - SASUL (Social Services of the university), and a partner network. This office identifies and arranges support for students with economic difficulties, such as meals, transportation, housing, tuition fees, psychological support and disclosure of other social support opportunities inside and outside of the Faculty.

## STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The following types of support are available on an ongoing basis:

- Customized and priority service provided by the Faculty;
- Scanning of essential manuals and book loan from the FDUL library;
- Lift and ramp access for students with mobility impairments;
- Provision of computer resources (laptop, computer with braille keyboard, among others) upon request;
- Flexible methods of evaluation based on the characteristics and special needs of the student.

## CARRIER OPPORTUNITIES

The Career Office throughout the bachelor program helps students, and recent undergraduates, find internships and matches them with companies for their first job opportunity.

In addition to the traditional barrister and magistrate students from the Faculty of Law can pursue other career options, such as legal, tax and financial advisor, legal mediation and arbitration, teacher, diplomat, holding public positions in international organizations, registry and notary practice, solicitor, judicial officer, enforcement officer, inspector and coordinator of the criminal police, leadership positions and business management, legal and historical researcher, director and senior manager in public administration and specialised journalism.

## ACADEMIC LIFE

The Faculty of Law - Universidade de Lisboa has several student groups and associations where its students can find people with common interests.

Associação Académica da Faculdade de Direito de Lisboa - AAFDL (Academic Association of the Lisbon School of Law) is the representative structure of the School's students.

With over one century of existence, AAFDL is a living symbol of the university students' associations in Portugal. The Academic Association of the Lisbon School of Law is a regular presence in several movements of student protests, from the 60s academic crisis to the new Portuguese Legal Regime of Higher Education Institutions, in 2007, and the fight against tuition fees and the financing of higher education, in the 90s.

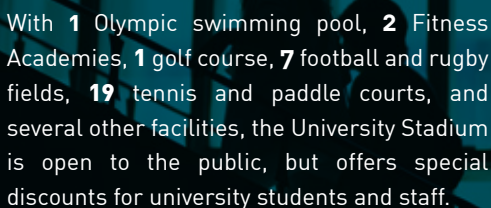
Several Presidents of the Portuguese Republic, leaders, successful entrepreneurs, among others, took part in the AAFDL activities during their studies, making it one of the most respected and successful student association in Portugal.

## SPORTS

Academic life should be much more than just learning law. The AAFDL Sports Department gives students the opportunity to take part in one of its many sports teams and compete in University Championships.

Students can choose between a variety of team sports like Futsal, Volleyball, Handball, Football and Rugby.

The University Stadium of ULisboa, was inaugurated in 1956 and has become a reference in the national sports arena, for not only housing several national teams, that use the space for training, but also for the several championships that use their facilities for competing.



With **1** Olympic swimming pool, **2** Fitness Academies, **1** golf course, **7** football and rugby fields, **19** tennis and paddle courts, and several other facilities, the University Stadium is open to the public, but offers special discounts for university students and staff.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

At the Faculty of Law - Universidade de Lisboa, students can pursue other interests outside the academic field, such as music (Barituna and Venus-monti), theatre (Cénico), or associations like ELSA - The European Law Student's Association, Lisa - Lisbon International Studies Association, and the Lisbon Academic Debates Society.

One can also find student groups with the same common interests like: the African Students Group (NEA), Brazilian Students Group (NELB), Autonomous Regions Students Group (NERA), Social-Democrat Students Group (NESD), Socialist Students Group (JS-NES), Catholic Students Group (NEC), or the Humanitarian Studies Group.

## ACADEMIC LIFE

### MEDICAL CENTRE

Universidade de Lisboa has a medical centre that provides healthcare services for students and staff with bellow average market prices.

### HEALTHCARE SERVICES

GENERAL PRACTICE | TRAVELER'S HEALTH | GYNECOLOGY | DENTISTS | PREVENTIVE MEDICINE | NUTRITION | OPHTHALMOLOGY | FAMILY PLANNING | PODOLOGY | PSYCHOLOGY | SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY | PSYCHIATRY

Besides conventional healthcare services, the Medical Centre also offers physiotherapy, wellness, complementary therapy (acupuncture, massages, osteopathy, etc.) and personal development (mindfulness and relaxation techniques).

### ALUMNI

The Associação de Antigos Alunos da Faculdade de Direito de Lisboa – AAAFDL (Alumni Association of the Lisbon Faculty of Law), was created in 2010. Its mission is to maintain and strengthen the friendship and solidarity relations among the Alumni, namely through the organisation and participation in scientific, social, and cultural events.

## VOLUNTEERING

Through the Social Responsibility Office, students and staff can collaborate in social and environmental volunteering projects, and legal services programmes in order to promote legal education for all.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**1st Semester – mid-September to mid-February**  
(exams in January and beginning of February)

**2nd Semester – mid-February to end of July**  
(exams in June and July)

Holiday break – week between Christmas and New year  
Easter break – week before Easter

## HOW TO GET TO FDUL

From outside Lisbon:

- By plane - Lisbon Portela Airport
- By train - Entrecampos Station; Oriente Station

GPS Coordinates:

- Lattitud: 38,7524; Longitud: -9,1571

Inside the city:

- Carris buses - 731, 735, 732, 768
- Transportes Sul do Tejo - Almada → Cidade Universitária - BUS 176
- Underground - Cidade Universitária station
- From anywhere in the city by bicycle or scooter

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