

Escola Superior de Gestão e Tecnologia

Curricular Unit File

Academic Year	2023 / 2024
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Course Unit	CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL PROBLEMS
Scientific Area	SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES
Study Cycle	ERASMUS COURSE

Academic Year	Semester	ECTS	T	TP	PL	OT	S	E
	1st / 2nd	3		30h				
T – Theoretical, TP – Theoretical and Practical, PL – Practical and Laboratory OT – Tutorial, S – Seminar, E – Curricular Training								

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Objectives of the curricular unit and competences to be developed	
<p>Provide the students with the basics of reflection about the most important social problems nowadays.</p> <p>Allow the understanding of structures and dynamics that underlie those social problems.</p>	

Syllabus

- 01 - Introduction to CSP
- 02 - Globalization
- 03 - Population growth and ageing
- 04 - Family changes
- 05 - Global migrations
- 06 - Racial and religious intolerance
- 07 - Gender discrimination and sexism
- 08 - Education
- 09 - Employment, Work and working life problems
- 10 - Social inequality, exclusion and poverty
- 11 - Economic crisis
- 12 - Urbanization and urban life problems
- 13 - Environment
- 14 - Changes in values, norms and communication
- 15 - Changes in consumption, lifestyles and leisure
- 16 - Violence and crime
- 17 - Addictions: drugs, alcohol, gambling, etc.
- 18 - Influence of Media in society

Teaching methodologies (including evaluation)

This course combines the study of concepts, theories and practical examples, and its discussion in group, as well as individual works. The assessment will consist of **Two individual works**, presented orally (maximum: 30 minutes) and written (sent by mail to the teacher, PPT format, maximum: 30 slides).

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