

# **Doctoral Programme "Human Rights in Contemporary Societies"**

## **Course: Research Methodologies Seminar and Thesis Project**

### **1. Intended learning outcomes of the curricular unit (knowledge, skills and competences to be developed by the students):**

To provide students the methods of investigation for the work that will develop.

To provide situations in which the student is confronted with the presentation of a scientific work.

To provide students the scientific and logistics for the preparation of their research project.

### **2. Syllabus**

This course is intended to provide the scientific and logistics for the implementation of doctoral dissertations. The seminar will involve the participation of several specialists in research methods, which will enable the acquisition and development of knowledge regarding different methods for gathering and analyzing data. This will be tailored to the specific needs of students.

In addition, each student will be accompanied by one of teachers of the program, designated to supervise him/her. The mentor and the student should meet to follow tutorials, which should never provide less than 30 contact hours during the year. These meetings will set the annual work plan. The program also includes the possibility of co-inner guidance to the University of Coimbra, external, given that the guiding principal has to be part of the cast of teachers and the program should express its willingness to co-direct with the person appointed.

### **3. Syllabus coherence with the curricular unit's intended learning outcomes**

The course will involve the participation of several specialists in research methods, which will enable the acquisition and development of knowledge regarding different methods for gathering and analyzing data. This will be tailored to the specific needs of students.

In addition, this program encourages the scientific imagination of the students to the understanding and conception of research projects in inter and transdisciplinary teams.

### **4. Teaching methodologies (including evaluation):**

Monitoring the preparative work leading to the PhD project. To achieve the objectives will be put into work, with individual follow-up, and dealing with the matters addressed in the seminar, namely, a detailed report on progress on dissertation.

The evaluation of this report will be made in discussion with the student, by a jury consisting of two teachers in addition to the his/her supervisor(s).

### **5. Teaching methodologies coherence with the curricular unit's intended learning outcomes:**

By stimulating the scientific imagination of the students towards the understanding and conception of research projects in inter and transdisciplinary teams, the proposed teaching methodologies aim to contribute to the initiation of the doctoral candidates in the production of autonomous research work leading to the thesis.