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Kinesiology
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To develop the methodology for the analysis and interpretation of human movement based on anatomophysiological, biomechanical and motor control fundamentals.
Muscle mechanical model. Neuromuscular coordination: intra and intermuscular coordination mechanisms. Functional anatomy. Organization and control of human movement: reflex mechanisms; brain mechanisms; equilibrium regulation. The effects of exercise on the locomotor system: changes on bones and joints; neuromuscular changes. Research methods in Kinesiology. Analysis of muscular participation in human movement: muscular participation in different types of human movement; muscular patterns in sport movements.
The first part (1st half) of the discipline is based in oral and power point presentations, group work and exercises solving. The bibliographic support can be found in Pezarat-Correia, P. (2012). Aparelho Locomotor, Volume II: Coordenação Neuromuscular e Adaptações à Atividade Física. Lisboa: Edições FMH. In the second part of the discipline the student is invited to determine by a deductive method of analysis the neuromuscular patterns in different motor tasks and sport skills (included in Pezarat-Correia et al., 2011. Aparelho Locomotor: Exercícios e Estudos Práticos. Lisboa: Edições FMH). This work is performed in groups of 4 students. The 4 final lessons, that are used to make a final synthesis, are again based in oral and power point presentations followed by general discussion. The evaluation is composed by two written tests.
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