

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 248/SGA/DOFAE

**Faculty of Economics
Academic Year 2026/2027
2nd Cycle Course**

**2nd cycle
Master in International Relations - International Ocean Politics**

1. Number of places:

1st call: 23 places

2nd call: 1 place

3rd call: 1 place + remaining places

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 5

3. Application deadlines:

1st call: 2nd to 31st March 2026

2nd call: 4th May to 30th June 2026

3rd call: 1st to 11th September 2026

4. Admission requirements:

1 - Applicants to the cycle of studies leading to a Master's degree may be:

- a) Holders of a Bachelor's degree, or a legally equivalent qualification, in International Relations;
- b1) Holders of Bachelor's degrees in other fields of social sciences or related fields, or holders of an academic curriculum that shows adequate knowledge;
- b2) Holders of a foreign higher education degree awarded upon completion of a first cycle of studies organised in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by an adhering country to this Process;
- c) Holders of a foreign higher education degree that is recognised by the Scientific Council as meeting the objectives of a Bachelor's degree;
- d) In duly substantiated cases, applicants who hold an academic, scientific and/or professional

curriculum deemed to be relevant for attending this cycle of studies, and which is recognised as such by the Scientific Council of the Organisational Unit.

2 - The recognition referred to in subparagraphs b) to d) of paragraph 1 is valid only for the access to the cycle of studies leading to a Master's degree and does not confer to its holder an equivalence to, or recognition of, the Bachelor's degree (Licenciado).

3 - The applicant must show proficiency in Portuguese and/or English.

NOTE: Candidates may only proceed to the second year after completing all first-year seminars with a grade higher than 9.5.

5. Selection criteria:

1. Professional background and academic qualifications, [10/20 Weighting];

- a) academic qualifications;
- b) publications in scientific journals;
- c) publications in non-scientific journals;
- d) scientific research;
- e) professional experience;
- f) link between the job and the field of International Relations;
- g) volunteering;
- h) extra-curricular activities.

2. Applicant's Profile, [4/20 Weighting];

- a) Motivation Letter;
- b) Recommendation Letter;
- c) Demonstration and justification of the fields of interest;
- d) Planning of academic pathway and objectives.

3. Research proposal, [6/20 Weighting].

- a) Relevance;
- b) Structure and Coherence;
- c) Theoretical and empirical reasoning capability;
- d) Demonstration of knowledge;
- e) Feasibility of the proposal.

NOTE: Assessed applications that have a grade lower than 9.5 in one of the evaluation criteria will automatically become non-approved.

6. Required documentation:

- Certificate from other post-graduate courses completed, if any, including time and program.;
- Certificate of Bachelor's degree with final course classification (diploma). A certificate proving

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approval in the curricular units carried out must be included, with respective classifications (school transcript). (MANDATORY, except if the primary course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra);

- Curriculum vitae; (MANDATORY);
- Identification document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);
- Letter of recommendation 1; (MANDATORY);
- Letter of recommendation 2; (MANDATORY);
- Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY);
- Official declaration of course outlines and hourly course loads with classification of each course unit of courses previously taken (transcript), in case of equivalence credits request (MANDATORY, except in degrees awarded by the University of Coimbra under the Bologna Process - after 2007/2008);
- Official document certifying qualifications, issued by the institution awarding the degree, indicating the weighted average and the grading scale. (MANDATORY only for holders of a degree obtained abroad that does not contain the average);
- Substantiated proposal for thesis theme (with a maximum of two pages); (MANDATORY).

NOTE: If the documents mentioned above are written in a foreign language other than Spanish, French, and English, it is mandatory to present a translation to Portuguese undertaken by a translator recognised by the Portuguese diplomatic representation.

The submission of the authenticated original documents is mandatory to the applicants admitted who enrol and register and must be done as soon as possible in order to complete their personal file. Further information at: <https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/submit-docs/>.

7. Tuition fee:

- National Student or equivalent: 1,490 EUR (annual fee);
- International student: 7,000 EUR (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed.

9. Assessment committee:

- Licínia Maria dos Santos Simão;
- Sofia José Figueira Santos.

10. Other information:

- Application is subject to the payment of a 50.00 € fee, which is non-refundable, even in case of invalidation of application and of non-placement.

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- Applications are submitted online at: <https://inforestudante.uc.pt/nonio/security/candidaturas.do>.
 - Applicants who do not have the documents attesting the required qualifications or other documents until the end of the deadline for applications may apply conditionally. If they do not submit the required documents until the new deadline provided, their application will become "Not Admitted". Then, they can move their application onto the following call for applications without any additional charges.
 - In applications definitively considered valid, and after the evaluation period has started, it is not possible to add or replace the documents presented. To add new documentation, a new application must be submitted in the next phase, if any.
 - After the last phase of applications, and if there are still places available, applicants may submit their application by means of a request, beyond the deadline, which will be duly appraised by the coordination of the Course /Organisational Unit.
 - Further information about academic issues, including the academic calendar, is available at: <https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/>
 - Contacts: E-mail: <https://apps.uc.pt/forms/view/sga/en>
Telephone:(00351) 239 247 195
- In person assistance: at the Student Hub of the University of Coimbra. Schedules for assistance may be consulted at: <https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/location-contacts/in-person/>

University of Coimbra, on 25th February 2026.

Head of Division,