UNIVERSIDADE D COIMBRA

ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 272/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Law

Academic Year 2026/2027

Master Degree in Law

2nd cycle

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1. Number of places:
2nd call: 151 places
3rd call: 94 places + remaining places

NOTE: Places to be allocated to the following 13 Specialization areas of the Master of Laws:
1. Civilist-Legal Sciences – Mention in Civil Law - 25 places (2nd phase: 15 places; 3rd phase: 10 places);
2. Civilist-Legal Sciences – Mention in Civil Procedural Law - 20 places (2nd phase: 15 places; 3rd phase: 5 places);
3. Legal-Criminal Sciences - 40 places (2nd phase: 25 places; 3rd phase: 15 places);
4. Legal and Economic Sciences - 15 places (2nd phase: 10 places; 3rd phase: 5 places);
5. Legal and Business Sciences – Mention in Business Law - 25 places (2nd phase: 15 places; 3rd phase: 10 places);
6. Legal and Business Sciences – Mention in Employment Law - 20 places (2nd phase: 15 places; 3rd phase: 5 places);
7. Legal-Philosophical Sciences - 10 places (2nd phase: 7 places; 3rd phase: 3 places);
8. Legal-Historical Sciences - 10 places (2nd phase: 7 places; 3rd phase: 3 places);
9. Legal and Political Sciences – Mention in Administrative Law - 15 places (2nd phase: 10 places; 3rd phase: 5 places);
10. Legal and Political Sciences – Mention in Constitutional Law - 15 places (2nd phase: 10 places; 3rd phase: 5 places);
11. Legal and Political Sciences - Mention in Tax Law - 20 places (2nd phase: 15 places; 3rd phase: 5 places);

12. Legal and Political Sciences – Mention in Law of the Land, Urbanism and Environment - 10 places (2nd phase: 7 places; 3rd phase: 3 places);
13. Legal and Political Sciences – Mention in Public International Law and European - 20 places (2nd phase: 15 places; 3rd phase: 5 places).

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 10

3. Application deadlines:
2nd call: 1st June to 15th July 2026
3rd call: 1st to 11th September 2026

4. Admission requirements:
1 - Master's applicants must hold:
a) A Bachelor's degree in Law or equivalent, having a minimum final classification of 13 out of 20;
b) A higher education degree awarded by a higher education institution from a foreign country signatory of the Bologna process, following completion of a first cycle programme in Law organized in accordance with the Bologna provisions, having a minimum final classification of 13 out of 20;
c) Holders of a foreign higher education degree in Law that is recognized as meeting the objectives of a bachelor's degree by the Scientific Committee of the Faculty of Law, with a minimum final grade in the bachelor's degree equal to 13 points on a scale of 0-20. Applicants whose final grade has been expressed on a metric scale of 0 to 10, must have a minimum final grade in the bachelor's degree equal to or higher than 8 points, without rounding, [grade certified in an official document by the institution granting the degree (general performance coefficient; weighted average), submitted in the application form];
d) In duly justified cases, holders of na academic, scientific and professional curriculum relevant for completing this cycle of studies as recognized by the Scientific Committee of FCTUC, in which applicants must obtain a CV assessment of 13 or higher out of 20, in each of the evaluation parameters.
e) Holders of a 5-year pre-Bologna Bachelor's Degree in Law who declare, in a specific form, to be applying under the regime for obtaining the degree of Master by pre-Bologna Law graduates. It is mandatory to submit a Law Degree transcript that makes reference to the subjects taken in the 5th year pre-Bologna and their respective classifications, for the purposes of calculating the average, which must be equal to or greater than 13 points.
2 - The recognition referred to in sub-paragraphs b) to d) of paragraph 1 merely provides access to the study cycle leading to the degree of master and does not confer on its holder the equivalence to the degree of bachelor or the recognition of that degree.

3 - If the applicants are not native speakers of Portuguese, and unless something else is exceptionally decided by all the Professors of the curricular units the applicants want to attend, and at the Course Coordination's request, the requirement for access is the proficiency in Portuguese equivalent to level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
In both cases, admitted students undertake to attend the annual Portuguese language course at the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Coimbra to increase their oral and written proficiency in Portuguese.
Concerning applicants who are not native speakers of Portuguese, a requirement to access is the proficiency in English equivalent to, at least, level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
NOTE 1: Classes are delivered mostly in Portuguese. Active participation in classes is a mandatory component of assessment, as well as the ability to comment and discuss in Portuguese the assignments of classmates. An identical performance in English is required for the curricular units delivered in English.
NOTE 2: The applicants may be invited for an interview whenever additional information is deemed to be the necessary by the persons that are responsible for the ranked shortlisting. The interview will be held by videoconference on a date to be scheduled between the end of the application period and the expected publication date of the provisional ranked shortlist, according to a timetable to be communicated to the applicants by email. Whenever the interview takes place, it will be used as a complement to criterion 3 and it will be assessed using sub-criteria identical to that of the criterion.
NOTE 3: Minimum grade for access to dissertation: 14 out of 20.

5. Selection criteria:
2nd Cycle Course
- Classification of degree or other degrees obtained, [100/100 Weighting].
2nd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph d)
i) Academic curriculum, considering the final classification of the degree(s) held, [50/100 Weighting];
ii) Scientific curriculum, considering participation in congresses, seminars, research projects, number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodicals), prizes and similar awards, provided these activities are in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, [20/100 Weighting];
iii) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional activities performed in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, [30/100 Weighting].

NOTE: Assessed applications that have a grade lower than 13 in one of the evaluation criteria will

automatically become non-approved

6. Required documentation:
- Application form, (Declaration on application under the Pre-Bologna Regime). This form must be downloaded, filled out, scanned and then attached in this field. (MANDATORY for applicants holding a 5-year pre-Bologna Bachelor's Degree in Law);
- Certificate of Bachelor's degree with final course classification (diploma). A certificate proving 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);
- Certificate of approval in the curricular units completed, with classifications (school transcript) (Application under the Pre-Bologna Regime) (MANDATORY for applicants holding a Bachelor's degree in Law completed before the Bologna process with a duration of 5 curricular years);
- Curriculum Vitae; (MANDATORY);
- Identification document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);
- 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, issued by the institution conferring the degree, with certified grade (weighted average), (MANDATORY only for foreign candidates).

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 equivalen: 1,200 EUR (annual fee);
- International student: 7,000 EUR (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed.

9. Assessment committee:

- Luís António Malheiro Meneses Vale.

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.
- 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 26th February 2026.

Head of Division,