

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 90/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Academic Year 2026/2027

2nd Cycle Course

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Master's degree in Food - Sources, Culture and Society

1. Number of places:

1st call: 5 places

2nd call: 18 places

3rd call: 2 places + remaining places

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 6

3. Application deadlines:

1st call: 2nd to 31st March 2026

2nd call: 1st June to 15th July 2026

3rd call: 1st to 11th September 2026

4. Admission requirements:

1. Applicants to this 2nd cycle course must:

a) Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent;

b) Hold a higher education degree awarded by a foreign institution after a 1st study cycle structured according to the principles of the Bologna Process by a State compliant with this process;

c) Hold a higher education degree awarded by a foreign institution recognized by the Academic Board of the Faculty as fulfilling the objectives of a bachelor's degree;

d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional CV recognized as adequate for pursuing this cycle of studies by the Scientific Committee of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Coimbra, in which applicants must obtain an evaluation of 9.5 points or higher.

2. The recognition referred to in sub-paragraphs b) to d) of paragraph 1 only provides access to the

study cycle leading to the degree of master and does not confer the equivalence to the degree of bachelor or the recognition of that degree.

5. Selection criteria:

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a) Ratings obtained on levels of qualifications that presents itself, [5/10 Weighting];

1 - Holders of bachelor's degree or equivalent academic degree: classification awarded in the diploma;

2 - Holders of other academic degrees:

- 12th grade (professional course in the area of hotel and catering): 10 points;
- Course (medium level) obtained in Hotel and Tourism Schools (Turismo de Portugal, or foreign counterparts): 12 points.

b) Curriculum vitae, [4/10 Weighting];

1 - Scientific curriculum:

- no participation in colloquia / congresses / conferences or other scientific events: 10 points;
- participation in colloquia / congresses / conferences or other scientific events: 14 points;
- presentation of lecture or participation as speaker in workshops or other scientific events: 16 points;
- scientific publications: 18 points.

2 - Professional Curriculum:

- no professional experience: 0 points (undergraduate applicants), 10 points (graduate applicants);
- 1 to 5 years of professional experience in the sectors of any of the scientific areas of the course, as well as in gastronomy, catering and hotel services: 16 points;
- more than 5 years of professional experience in the sectors of any of the scientific areas of the course, as well as in gastronomy, catering and hotel services: 18 points;
- Between 1 and 5 years of professional experience in another sector: 12 points.

c) Motivation candidate, [1/10 Weighting].

- applicant presents a weak motivation (revealing not to know the benefits that the course will bring): 12 points;

- applicant presents a motivation that corresponds to the competences that the course provides: 16 points;

- applicant has an excellent knowledge of the objectives and results that the course can provide and can project the contribution of the course on his future professional success: 18 points.

2nd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph d)

i) Academic curriculum, considering the final classification of the degree(s) held, [25/100 Weighting];

- ii) Relevance of the degree(s) held for the scientific area of the study cycle, [25/100 Weighting];
- iii) 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, [25/100 Weighting];
- iv) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional activities performed in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, [25/100 Weighting].

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 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);
- 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 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).

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: 1,250 EUR (annual fee);
- International student: 7,000 EUR (annual fee).

8. Part-time registration: Allowed.

9. Assessment committee:

- Paula Cristina Barata Dias.

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/>

University of Coimbra, on 21st January 2026.

Head of Division,