UNIVERSIDADE D COIMBRA

ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 321/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Sciences and Technology

Academic Year 2026/2027

2nd Cycle Course

2nd cycle
Master in Forensic Anthropology

1. Number of places:
1st call: 5 places
2nd call: 18 places
3rd call: 1 place + remaining places

2. Minimum number of students for course opening: Not applicable.

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 for access to the cycle of studies leading to the Master's degree in Forensic Anthropology must be:
a) Holders of a degree or legal equivalent in: Anthropology, Biology, Biochemistry, Medicine, Dentistry, other Biological Sciences and Social and Human Sciences;
b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree, in the areas referred to in a), awarded following a 1st cycle of studies organized according to the principles of the Bologna Process by a State compliant with this Process;
c) Holders of a higher education academic degree obtained abroad that is recognized as meeting the objectives of the degree of bachelor in one of the areas mentioned under the previous points by the Scientific Committee of FCTUC;

d) In duly justified cases, holders of an academic, scientific and professional curriculum relevant for pursuing this cycle of studies as recognized by the Scientific Committee of FCTUC in which applicants must obtain a CV assessment of 14 or higher out of 20.
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.

5. Selection criteria:
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A. Quality of the academic and professional pathway, [weighted 4/6]
- Grade of the Bachelor's Degree (if the applicant holds another Master's Degree, award 1 point more);
- Enhance if the applicant has a professional activity, especially within the field of forensic sciences;
- Enhance if the applicant has a non-degree course, especially within the field of forensic sciences.
B. Commitment to the new pathway, [weighted 1/6]
- Motivation Letter:
- Quality of writing, structure (including to whom it is addressed and appropriate compliments);
- Commitment concerning the demonstration of the applicant's motivations and the knowledge of the structure and comprehensiveness of this Master's Degree Course.
C. Duration of the training in the University of Coimbra, [weighted 1/6]
- The number of curricular units that the applicant will attend in the cycle of studies is taken into account. The demonstration of extracurricular activities throughout the previous training is also taken into consideration (e.g. volunteering activities, academic association activities) as well as other activities that demonstrate the applicant's ability to successfully complete his/her training at the UC within the expected period.

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 (e.g., 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 (only candidates with at least 8 years

of professional experience in the scientific area of the study cycle will be admitted), [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:
- José Francisco Taborda Curate.

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/academicservices/location-contacts/

University of Coimbra, on 11th February 2026.

Head of Division,