

**NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 224/SGA/DOFAE**

**Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences**

**Academic Year 2026/2027**

**2nd Cycle Course**

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**Master degree in Psychology of Education, Development and Counselling**

**1. Number of places:**

1st call: 5 places

2nd call: 32 places + remaining 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 to this study cycle leading to a master's degree must be:

a) Holders of a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology or legal equivalent (Psychological Sciences);

b) Holders of a foreign higher education degree awarded following a 1st cycle of studies, in the field of Psychology, organized in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by a state that adheres to this Process;

c) Holders of a foreign higher education degree recognized by the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences as meeting the objectives of a Bachelor's degree in Psychology;

d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum that is considered by the statutorily competent body of the institution to prove the capacity to carry out the cycle of studies.

2 - The recognition referred to in subparagraphs b) to d) of paragraph 1 only provides access to the cycle of studies leading to a master's degree and does not grant its holder equivalence to a Bachelor's degree or recognition of such degree.

3 - Concerning the applications done according to the subparagraphs (c) and (d) of number 1, the recognition by the Scientific Council of the FPCE-UC, of the academic, scientific or professional curriculum that attests the ability to attend this cycle of studies must be requested before the submission of the application. Otherwise, the applicant will be excluded due to failure to comply with the conditions of admissibility. Such a request must be sent no later than one month before the beginning of the applications period, except for the 1st phase in which the request may be done until 10 days before the end of the applications deadline, to cc@fpce.uc.pt.

## **5. Selection criteria:**

### **2nd Cycle Course**

A. Academic Curriculum, [6/10 Weighting];

A.1. Final Grade of the Bachelor's Degree in Psychology - 3 points

A.2. Adequacy of the Bachelor's Degree Course to the Master's Degree Course, which will be based on an analysis of the Bachelor's Degree curriculum structure. - 2 points

A.3. Additional training: the completion or attendance of other Master's or Bachelor's Degree Courses will be assessed, as well as the completion or attendance of postgraduate or short training courses, and diplomas of foreign language. - 1 point

B. Quality of the scientific and professional pathway, and other competencies that are relevant to the applicant's training, [3/10 Weighting];

B.1. Quality of the scientific/research pathway: it will be considered the participation in research projects (identifying the project, the period of participation in it and the competencies that were developed); the authorship or co-authorship of scientific documents; and eventual awards or academic distinctions - 1 point

B.2. Adequacy of the professional pathway: the adequacy of the performed professional activities, such as professional traineeships and /or academic internships, and summer internships - 1 point

B.3. Other competencies that are relevant to the student's training: it will be considered the participation in mobility programmes; experience of associationism, voluntary activities and/or other community intervention activities, whether university activities or activities outside the university - 1 point

C. Motivation and interest in the field of study of the Master's Degree Course, [1/10 Weighting].

C. Motivation Letter: it will be appraised the explanation of the interest in the field of study of the Master's Degree, the reasons for applying to the MPEDA and the quality of the written composition (1 point).

### **2nd Cycle - Application based on Subparagraph d)**

A. Academic Curriculum, [6/10 Weighting];

A.1. Final Grade of the Bachelor's Degree in Psychology - 3 points

A.2. Adequacy of the Bachelor's Degree Course to the Master's Degree Course, which will be based on an analysis of the Bachelor's Degree curriculum structure. - 2 points

A.3. Additional training: the completion or attendance of other Master's or Bachelor's Degree Courses will be assessed, as well as the completion or attendance of postgraduate or short training courses, and diplomas of foreign language. - 1 point

B. Quality of the scientific and professional pathway, and other competencies that are relevant to the applicant's training, [3/10 Weighting];

B.1. Quality of the scientific/research pathway: it will be considered the participation in research projects (identifying the project, the period of participation in it and the competencies that were developed); the authorship or co-authorship of scientific documents; and eventual awards or academic distinctions - 1 point

B.2. Adequacy of the professional pathway: the adequacy of the performed professional activities, such as professional traineeships and /or academic internships, and summer internships - 1 point

B.3. Other competencies that are relevant to the student's training: it will be considered the participation in mobility programmes; experience of associationism, voluntary activities and/or other community intervention activities, whether university activities or activities outside the university - 1 point

C. Motivation and interest in the field of study of the Master's Degree Course, [1/10 Weighting].

C. Motivation Letter: it will be appraised the explanation of the interest in the field of study of the Master's Degree, the reasons for applying to the MPEDA and the quality of the written composition (1 point).

## 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);
- Certificate of other courses taken, with transcript, if credit award is intended (MANDATORY, unless it is a course taught at the University of Coimbra under the Bologna Process - after 2007/2008);
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV); applicants must organise their CV so that it responds separately and in an orderly manner to each of the shortlisting criteria and sub-criteria mentioned in the Opening Notice; (MANDATORY);
- Document attesting the capacity to complete the study cycle [applications made under paragraph c) and d)]; (MANDATORY, only for applicants applying under point 3 of the admission

conditions);

- Identification document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);
- Motivation Letter; (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: 1,063,47 EUR (annual fee);
- International student: 7,000 EUR (annual fee).

#### **8. Part-time registration:** Allowed.

#### **9. Assessment committee:**

- Joaquim Armando Gomes Alves Ferreira;
- José Manuel Tomás Silva;
- Marcelino Arménio Martins Pereira.

#### **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.

ADMINISTRATION

- 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 30th January 2026.

Head of Division,