ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 6/SGA/DOFAE

Faculty of Sciences and Technology

Academic Year 2027/2028

Special Contest for International Students (Bachelor's Degree and Integrated Master's Degree Courses)

1st cycle

Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry

1. Number of places:
1st cal: 10 places
2nd call: remaining places
3rd call: remaining places
Extra call: remaining places

Note: A special quota of up to 30% of the places in the general contingent is reserved for applicants from schools in Brazil with which the University of Coimbra (UC) has a protocol or cooperation agreement and for applicants who have participated in activities or courses aimed at international students, namely, Universidade de Inverno, UC Diáspora and INSpire (see the list here: https://www.uc.pt/brasil/). If the places reserved for this special quota are not taken, they will revert to the general quota.

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

3. Application deadlines:
1st call: 14th December 2026 to 26th January 2027
2nd call: 15th February to 14th April 2027
3rd call: 19th May to 19th July 2027
Extra call: 6th to 13th August 2027

4. Admission requirements:

1. The following may apply for enrolment and registration in this course:
a) Holders of a qualification which, in the country where it was obtained, grants the right to apply for and enter higher education in that country;
b) Holders of a Portuguese secondary education diploma or a legally equivalent qualification.
2. The qualification legally equivalent to the Portuguese secondary education diploma, referred to in paragraph (b) of no. 1, must have obtained the corresponding recognition or equivalence to Portuguese secondary education, in accordance with the applicable legislation.

5. Selection criteria:
Gaokao (Chinese National Higher Education Entrance Examination)
- Gaokao (Final Grade), [100/100 Weighting].
ENEM (Exame Nacional de Ensino Médio)
Alternative 1
- ENEM: Ciências da Natureza e suas Tecnologias, [60/100 Weighting];
- ENEM: Linguagens, Códigos e suas Tecnologias, [5/100 Weighting];
- ENEM: Matemática e suas Tecnologias, [30/100 Weighting];
- ENEM: Redação, [5/100 Weighting].
Alternative 2
- ENEM: Ciências da Natureza e suas Tecnologias, [100/100 Weighting].
University of Coimbra Admission Exams (Scientific Foundation Year Programmes)
Alternative 1
- Final grade point average of the Foundation Year course, [50/100 Weighting];
- PQA UC: Biology, [50/100 Weighting].
Alternative 2
- Final grade point average of the Foundation Year course, [50/100 Weighting];
- PQA UC: Química, [50/100 Weighting].
Alternative 3
- Final grade point average of the Foundation Year course, [3/6 Weighting];
- PQA UC: Biology, [1/6 Weighting];
- PQA UC: Physics, [1/6 Weighting];
- PQA UC: Química, [1/6 Weighting].
Joint Admission Examination - Macao
Alternative 1
- EUM: Portuguese A, [50/100 Weighting];
- PQA UC: Biology, [50/100 Weighting].
Alternative 2
- EUM: Portuguese A, [50/100 Weighting];

- PQA UC: Química, [50/100 Weighting].
Alternative 3
- EUM: Mathematics Standard Paper, [50/100 Weighting];
- PQA UC: Química, [50/100 Weighting].
Alternative 4
- EUM: Mathematics Standard Paper, [50/100 Weighting];
- PQA UC: Biology, [50/100 Weighting].

Other exams (por exemplo os indicados no artigo 20.º - A do Decreto - Lei n.º 296 - A/98, de 25 de setembro, PGI, PAES, SABER 11, SAT,AP exames, CLEP)

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University of Coimbra Admission Exams (external candidates)

Alternative 1
- PQA UC: Biology, [1/1 Weighting].
Alternative 2
- PQA UC: Biology, [1/3 Weighting];
- PQA UC: Physics, [1/3 Weighting];
- PQA UC: Química, [1/3 Weighting].
Alternative 3
- PQA UC: Química, [1/1 Weighting].

Liankao (Higher Education Entrance Examination for Macao, Hong Kong and Taiwan students)

- Liankao (Final Grade), [100/100 Weighting].

A-Level General Certificate of Education

- A-Level General Certificate of Education (final grade), [100/100 Weighting].

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

- International Baccalaureate (Diploma Programme DP), [100/100 Weighting].

Portuguese admission exams (National Contest of Access)

Alternative 1
- 07 Physics and Chemistry, [50/100 Weighting];
- 16 Mathematics, [50/100 Weighting].
Alternative 2
- 07 Physics and Chemistry, [100/100 Weighting].
Alternative 3
- 02 Biology and Geology, [100/100 Weighting].
Alternative 4
- 02 Biology and Geology, [50/100 Weighting];

- 07 Physics and Chemistry, [50/100 Weighting].

Alternative 5

- 02 Biology and Geology, [50/100 Weighting];
- 16 Mathematics, [50/100 Weighting].

NOTE: This information does not replace consultation of Annex I of the Regulamento do Concurso Especial de Acesso e Ingresso do Estudante Internacional da Universidade de Coimbra, which is available for consultation on the website of the Serviço de Gestão Académica at:https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/reg-deadlines/regulations/

6. Required documentation:

1. Identification document (MANDATORY);
2. Supporting document of completion of the secondary/middle education or of the qualification for access and admission to higher education in the country of origin with equivalence to the Portuguese secondary education. Example of documents that are accepted: - Student's academic record with certification of completion of the secondary/middle education - Certificate of completion of the secondary/middle education - Diploma of completion of secondary/middle education (MANDATORY);
3. Certificate of grades obtained in the ENEM (MANDATORY, only for applicants in the ENEM (Exame Nacional do Ensino Médio) group);
4. Certificate of grades obtained in the final exams (Portuguese Admission Exams) (MANDATORY, only for applicants in the Portuguese admission exams (National Contest of Access) group);
5. Certificate of grades obtained in the final exams (A-Level) (MANDATORY, only for applicants in the A-Level General Certificate of Education group);
6. Certificate of grades obtained in the final exams (International Baccalaureate) (MANDATORY, only for applicants in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme group);
7. Certificate of grades obtained in the Gaokao or Liankao (MANDATORY, only for applicants in the Gaokao or Liankao group);
8. Certificate of grades obtained in the final exams (Joint Admission Examination - Macao) (MANDATORY, only for applicants in the EUM group;
9. Certificate of grades obtained in the other final examinations (those indicated in Article 20-A of Decree-Law No. 296-A/98 of 25 September: PGI, PAES, SABER 11, SAT, AP exams, CLEP) (MANDATORY, only for applicants in the Outros exames (por exemplo os indicados no artigo 20.º - A do Decreto - Lei n.º 296 - A/98, de 25 de setembro, PGI, PAES, SABER 11, SAT,AP exames, CLEP group);
10. Certificate issued by the Ministry of the country of origin or by the Embassy of the country of

origin in Portugal, certifying that secondary education and the exam presented grant access to higher education in the country of origin (MANDATORY for applicants who submit one of the examinations listed below);
11. "DEPLE" or a B1 level certificate issued by Faculty of Arts and Humanities of UC; or a declaration on oath stating that the applicant has B1 level proficiency in Portuguese (MANDATORY, where the applicant has not completed secondary education in Portuguese but holds, or considers that they hold, a B1 level of Portuguese language proficiency);
12. "DIPLE" or a B2 level certificate issued by Faculty of Arts and Humanities of UC; or a declaration on oath stating that the applicant has B2 level proficiency in Portuguese (MANDATORY whenever the applicant did not attend secondary education in Portuguese and has or considers to have the B2 level)
13. Proof of residence permit showing that you have resided in Portugal for less than 2 years (MANDATORY document for applicants who are RESIDING in PORTUGAL).

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:
7,000 euros/year

8. Part-time registration: Allowed

9. Assessment committee:
Cristina Maria Pinto Albuquerque

10. Other information:
- Only applications for which the application fee of €50.00 has been duly paid will be considered for assessment. The fee is non-refundable, including in cases where the application is deemed invalid or the applicant is not admitted.
-The application fee is reimbursed to applicants who completed high school in the academic year prior to the year of application and come from schools with a protocol with UC (see the list here: https://www.uc.pt/brasil/)
- Applications are submitted online at https://inforestudante.uc.pt/nonio/security/candidaturas.do

- 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.
- At the end of each application phase, the remaining places will be filled using the list of substitutes, if any, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of article 207 of the Academic Regulation of the University of Coimbra.
- The first enrolment and registration of International Students is only confirmed after a single payment corresponding to 25% of the total amount of the tuition fee, plus the registration fee, as provided for in paragraph 6 of article 207 of the Academic Regulation of the University of Coimbra.
- More information about the special admission contest at https://www.uc.pt/estudarnauc/estudantes-internacionais/
- Additional information on other academic topics https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/
- Contacts:
E-mail: https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/e-mail/
Telephone:(00351) 239 247 195
In person assistance at the Student Hub. Schedules at: https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/location-contacts/#academic-services-assistance-uc

University of Coimbra, on 12th November 2026.

Head of Division,