

**NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 60/SGA/DOFAE**

**Faculty of Arts and Humanities**

**Academic Year 2024/2025**

**3rd Cycle Course**

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**PhD in Communication Sciences**

**1. Number of places:**

1st call: 4 places

2nd call: 4 places

3rd call: 2 + remaining places

**2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 6**

**3. Application deadlines:**

1st call: 1st March to 1st April 2024

2nd call: 3rd June to 15th July 2024

3rd call: 2nd to 13th September 2024

**4. Admission requirements:**

1 - Applicants for admission to the PhD in Communication Sciences must be:

a) Holders of a master's degree, or legal equivalent;

b) Holders of a bachelor's degree, holders of a particularly relevant academic or scientific curriculum that is recognized as attesting the capacity to complete this cycle of studies by the Academic Board of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities;

c) In duly justified cases, holders of a school, scientific or professional curriculum relevant for pursuing this cycle of studies as recognized by the Scientific Committee of FLUC. Applicants must

obtain a curricular evaluation equal to or higher than 9.5 points.

2 - The recognition referred to in subparagraphs b) and c) of paragraph 1 only allows access to the cycle of studies leading to a PhD Degree and does not grant its holder the recognition or equivalence to a Bachelor's or Master's Degree.

### 5. Selection criteria:

1. Classification obtained in degrees (assignment of a score between 1 and 5), (30/100 Weighting);

1.1. Bachelor's degree (pre or post-Bologna) + Master's or Integrated Master's:

- i. Less than 14: 2,5
- ii. 14: 3
- iii. 15: 3,5
- iv. 16: 4
- v. 17: 4,5
- vi. 18 or more: 5

1.2. Bachelor's degree (pre or post-Bologna):

- i. Less than 14: 1,5
- ii. 14: 2
- iii. 15: 2,5
- iv. 16: 3
- v. 17 or more: 3,5

1.3. Master's degree (pre or post-Bologna):

- i. Less than 14: 1
- ii. 14: 1,5
- iii. 15: 2
- iv. 16: 2,5
- v. 17 or more: 3

2 - CV: scientific production is valued, particularly articles and communications in international and national conferences with peer review, participation in research projects and other scientific production, as well as the duration and nature of professional functions performed, (25/100 Weighting);

3. Motivation letter containing the indication of the research theme (up to 1000 words). 0 to 5 points

will be given to each of the following items: pertinence of the theme/objectives within the context of Communication Sciences; connection of the theme/objectives with the doctoral curriculum plan; adequacy of the theme to the activity of the faculty, (20/100 Weighting);

4. Interview, (25/100 Weighting);

1.<sup>a</sup> phase - 16th April 2024

2.<sup>a</sup> phase – 23rd July 2024

3.<sup>a</sup> phase - 20th September 2024

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Regarding the access referred to in sub-paragraph c) of paragraph 1 of the conditions of admission the application evaluator assesses the CV of applicants and rates it on a scale of 0 to 20 following the criteria i) to iii) and their respective weights:

- i) CV: the duration, nature and relevance for the Doctorate of professional experience and/or scientific/school production are valued, particularly articles and communications in international and national conferences with peer review, participation in research projects and other scientific production, (40/100 Weighting);

- ii) Motivation letter containing the indication of the research theme (up to 1000 words). 0 to 5 points will be given to each of the following items: pertinence of the theme/objectives within the context of Communication Sciences; connection of the theme/objectives with the doctoral curriculum plan; adequacy of the theme to the activity of the faculty, (30/100 Weighting);

- iii) Interview, (30/100 Weighting);

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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:**

- 1- Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY);
- 2- 1st Letter of Recommendation; (MANDATORY);
- 3- 2nd Letter of Recommendation; (MANDATORY);
- 4- 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);
- 5- Certificate from Master's degree with final course classification (Master degree diploma). A certificate proving approval in the curricular units carried out must be included, with respective classifications (school transcript). (MANDATORY, except if the origin course is a course taught at the University of Coimbra);
- 6- 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);
- 7- Curriculum vitae; (MANDATORY);
- 8- Identity Document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);
- 9- Official document certifying qualifications, issued by the institution awarding the highest 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/academicos/inscricoes/PIAs>.

## **7. Tuition fee:**

-1,425€ (annual fee).

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

## **9. Assessment committee:**

- Inês de Oliveira Castilho e Albuquerque Amaral;
- Rita Joana Basílio de Simões;

- Sílvio Manuel Rodrigues Correia dos Santos.

**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/academicos>.
- 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/academicos/contactos/presencial>.

University of Coimbra, on 21st February 2024.

Head of Division,

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