

**NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 111/SGA/DOFAE**

**Institute for Interdisciplinary Research**

**Academic Year 2024/2025**

**3rd Cycle Course**

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**PhD degree in Contemporary Studies**

**1. Number of places:**

1st call: 6 places

2nd call: 13 places

3rd call: 1 + remaining places

Supplemental application call: remaining places

**2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 5**

**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

Supplemental application call: 22nd to 29th October 2024

**4. Admission requirements:**

1 - Applicants for admission to the PhD degree in Contemporary Studies 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 Institute for Interdisciplinary Research;

c) Holders of a school, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognized as attesting capacity to complete this cycle of studies by the Academic Board of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research of the University of Coimbra. Applicants must obtain a curricular evaluation equal to or higher than 14 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:**

Evaluation of admitted applicants includes CV Assessment. Applicants who obtain the minimum score of 14 points in the CV assessment will be called for an interview and it can be done by videoconference or similar methods. Applicants are called for the interview by email.

1) Curriculum analysis, (70/100 Weighting);

1.1) Scholar curriculum, considering the final classification of the course(s) (25%)

1.2) Professional curriculum (20%)

1.3) Scientific curriculum (20%)

1.4) Motivation letter (30%)

1.5) Recommendation letter (5%)

2) Interview, (30/100 Weighting);

2.1) Communication and speaking skills (20%);

2.2) Knowledge of English and / or other relevant languages for work / publication in the PhD course. (10%);

2.3) Motivation and interest (30%);

2.4) Capacity for analysis, critical judgement and demonstration of research perspectives (40%);

Jury: Dina Sebastião, José Oliveira Martins, Francisco Pinheiro and other teachers appointed by the PhD committee.

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 iv) and their respective weights:

i) School curriculum, considering the final classification of the course (s) held by the applicants, in

which the final classification of the Bachelor's degree (50%) and the final average of Master's degree (50%) are considered;, (25/100 Weighting);

ii) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional functions performed in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, (20/100 Weighting);

iii) Scientific curriculum, considering the participation in congresses, seminars, research projects, number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodicals), awards and similar elements, under activities in (s) scientific area (s) of the study cycle in question, (20/100 Weighting);

iv) Motivation letter, considering the applicants' reading and discussion concerning: (a) the academic and professional pathway and experience framed by the challenges and opportunities of the PhD programme; (b) the expectations about advanced training in general, and the PhD programme in Contemporary Studies in particular; and (c) the coordination of concrete plans, problems and research perspectives in which the applicants are interest, and that ideally are part of a research proposal.

v) Recommendation letters, considering the knowledge demonstrated by the work and path of the applicant, the reasons that attest and frame the intellectual and motivational preparation of the applicant for this doctoral programme, taking into account the experience of the recommendation, (5/100 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:**

- 1- Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY);
- 2- Recommendation letter #1; (MANDATORY);
- 3- Recommendation letter #2;
- 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- Copy of one publication/ academic essay (e.g.: a chapter of a thesis);

8- Curriculum Vitae; (MANDATORY);

9- Identity Document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);

10- 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:**

-1,375€ (annual fee).

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

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

- Dina Sofia Neves Sebastião;
- José António Oliveira Martins.

#### **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

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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 23rd February 2024.

Head of Division,

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