

**NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 108\_A/SGA/DOFAE**

**Faculty of Law**  
**Academic Year 2024/2025**  
**PhD in Law**

**3rd cycle**  
**PhD in Law**

**1. Number of places:**

1st call: 40 places

2nd call: 40 places

3rd call: remaining places

Note: Places are distributed for each of the following path:

- Philosophical Law Sciences – PhD with course option - 4 places (1st phase: 1 place; 2nd phase: 3 places);
- Civil Law – PhD with course option - 15 places (1st phase: 8 places; 2nd phase: 7 places);
- Procedure Law Sciences – PhD with course option - 10 places (1st phase: 5 places; 2nd phase: 5 places);
- Business Law Sciences – PhD with course option - 10 places (1st phase: 5 places; 2nd phase: 5 places);
- Economic Law Sciences – PhD with course option - 8 places (1st phase: 4 places; 2nd phase: 4 places);
- Public Law – PhD with course option - 15 places (1st phase: 8 places; 2nd phase: 7 places);
- Criminal Law Sciences – PhD with course option - 15 places (1st phase: 8 places; 2nd phase: 7 places);
- Historical Law Sciences – PhD with course option - 3 places (1st phase: 1 place; 2nd phase: 3 places)

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

### 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 Law must be:

a) Holders of the master's degree in Law or legal equivalent, with a minimum classification of 14 points (scale 0-20) or holders of the master's degree in Law or legal equivalent, with a minimum classification of 8.5 (scale 0-10);

b) Holders of a Bachelor's Degree that was conferred before the Bologna Process (five years of academic training in Higher Education on a full-time basis), or holders of an equivalent degree when it was obtained in a foreign country, and a minimum final grade of 14.

c) Holders of a particularly relevant school, scientific or professional curriculum recognized by the Scientific Committee of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra as attesting their capacity to carry out this cycle of studies, and candidates must obtain a final minimum application rate of 14 points out of 20.

2 - The recognition referred to in subparagraphs b) 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.

Note 1: Minimum grade of access to the doctoral thesis - 14 points or equivalent.

### 5. Selection criteria:

1 - Course Classification, [80/100 Weighting];

2 - Curricular assessment: quality of the academic, scientific or professional background, particularly taking into account the scientific areas directly or related to the subjects of the study cycle of application, [20/100 Weighting].

Regarding the access referred to in sub-paragraph c) of paragraph 1 of the conditions of admission the Scientific Committee 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) School curriculum [considering the final grade of the academic degree (s) and its relevance to the scientific area], (30/100 Weighting);
- ii) Scientific curriculum [considering, in particular, the number and scientific quality of publications

(monographs, book chapters, articles in periodicals), organization or participation in scientific projects or congresses, insofar as they are relevant to the area candidate], (40/100 Weighting);  
iii) Professional Curriculum [considering the duration, nature and relevance of professional functions for the scientific area in which it is applied], (30/100 Weighting).

NOTE: Assessed applications that have a grade lower than 14 will automatically become non-approved.

## **6. Required documentation:**

- 1- Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY);
- 2- 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);
- 3- 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);
- 4- Certificate of the defense of the master thesis with indication of the result; (MANDATORY except for students and former students of the University of Coimbra);
- 5- 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);
- 6- Official document, issued by the institution conferring the highest degree, with certified classification (weighted average). (MANDATORY only for foreign candidates);
- 7- Copies of published articles and legal publications, link to the website of the publisher, newspaper, or magazine in which the applicants books or scientific articles were published;
- 8- Curriculum vitae; (MANDATORY);
- 9- Identity Document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants).

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:**

- Pending approval by the General Council

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

**9. Assessment committee:**

- Carolina Castro Nunes Vicente Cunha;
- Filipe Miguel Cruz Albuquerque Matos;
- Jorge Manuel Coutinho Abreu;
- Luís Pedro Chaves Rodrigues Cunha.

**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 16th April 2024.



ADMINISTRATION

Head of Division,