

**NOTICE OF OPENING N.º 101/SGA/DOFAE****Faculty of Arts and Humanities****Academic Year 2026/2027****2nd Cycle Course****2nd cycle****Master in Creative Writing****1. Number of places:**

1st call: 7 places

2nd call: 7 places

3rd call: 1 place + remaining places

**2. Minimum number of students for course opening: 6****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 2nd cycle course must be:

a) Hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent;

b) Hold a higher education degree awarded by a foreign institution after a 1st cycle of studies structured according to the principles of the Bologna Process by a participating country in the scientific fields mentioned under a);

c) Hold a higher education degree by a foreign institution in the above-mentioned fields recognized as fulfilling the objectives of a bachelor's degree;

d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional CV recognized as adequate for pursuing this cycle of studies by the Scientific Committee of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Coimbra, in which applicants must obtain an evaluation of 9.5 points or higher.

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2. The recognition referred to in sub-paragraphs b) to d) of paragraph 1 only provides access to the study cycle leading to the degree of master and does not confer the equivalence to the degree of bachelor or the recognition of that degree.

3. If the applicants are not native speakers of Portuguese, a proficiency in the Portuguese language equivalent to level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is a requirement for admission.

In such cases, the admitted students undertake to attend the annual Portuguese language course in order to improve their oral and written proficiency in Portuguese.

For all applicants, proficiency in the English language equivalent to at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is a requirement for admission.

**NOTE:** Classes are delivered predominantly in Portuguese, and may include moments of discussion, analysis, and debate in English. Active participation in classes is a mandatory component of assessment, as well as the ability to comment on and discuss classmates' assignments in both Portuguese and English.

**NOTE:** The applicants may be invited for an interview whenever additional information is deemed to be necessary by the persons that are responsible for the ranked shortlisting. The interview will be held by videoconference on a date to be scheduled between the end of the application period and the expected publication date of the provisional ranked shortlist, according to a timetable to be communicated to the applicants by email. Whenever the interview takes place, it will be used as a complement to criterion 3 and it will be assessed using sub-criteria identical to that of the criterion. Jury: Susana Isabel Arsénio Nunes Costa Araújo (Chairperson), Manuel José de Freitas Portela and Maria Marta Dias Teixeira da Costa Anacleto (members).

## 5. Selection criteria:

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1. Classification in the degree presented: [3/10 Weighting];
  - a) Classification in the bachelor's degree or in the highest degree held relevant to the study cycle,
2. Sample of written production, unpublished or published (fiction, theater, poetry or cinematographic text, up to a maximum of 3,000 words), scored on a scale of 1 to 20, [5/10 Weighting];
3. Motivation letter, scored on a scale of 1 to 20, according to the following criteria: [2/10 Weighting].
  - 3.1) Motivation of the applicant to practice writing;
  - 3.2) Ability to critically reflect on writing.

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- i) Academic curriculum, considering the final classification of the degree(s) held, [25/100 Weighting];
- ii) Relevance of the degree(s) held for the scientific area of the study cycle, [25/100 Weighting];
- iii) Scientific curriculum, considering participation in congresses, seminars, research projects, number and scientific quality of publications (monographs, book chapters, articles in periodicals), prizes and similar awards, provided these activities are in the scientific area of the study cycle in question, [25/100 Weighting];
- iv) Professional curriculum, considering the duration and nature of the professional functions performed in the arts, culture, education or communication sectors, [25/100 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:

- 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);
- Curriculum Vitae; (MANDATORY);
- Document proving linguistic competence: English B2 for all applicants; Portuguese C2 for non-native Portuguese speakers only; (MANDATORY);
- Identification document (MANDATORY only for foreign applicants);
- Motivation Letter; (MANDATORY);
- 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);
- Official document certifying qualifications, issued by the institution awarding the degree,

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indicating the weighted average and the grading scale. (MANDATORY only for holders of a degree obtained abroad that does not contain the average);

- Sample of written production, unpublished or published (fiction, theater, poetry or cinematographic text, up to a maximum of 3,000 words); (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: 1,250 EUR (annual fee);
- International student: 7,000 EUR (annual fee).

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

**9. Assessment committee:**

- Manuel José de Freitas Portela;
- Susana Isabel Arsénio Nunes Costa Araújo.

**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.

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- 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 21st January 2026.

Head of Division,