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UNIVERSIDADE DE
COIMBRA

DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES

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UNIVERSIDADE D COIMBRA

The University of Coimbra (UC) is a world-renowned institution that offers education and research in almost all fields of study and at every level of learning. Coimbra is a true university city, with internationally recognized professors and a cosmopolitan academic community, making it one of the most influential universities in the world.

UC provides a comprehensive network of student support services, including medical care, canteens, and student housing. In addition, it offers a wide range of extracurricular, cultural, and sports activities that will enrich your academic journey and make you feel at home while living in Coimbra.

With more than seven centuries of history and over 300 programs recognized in dozens of countries, UC is focused on the future and cutting-edge research. In the following pages, we present UC's doctoral programmes for international students.

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R&D Centers

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**Strategic
Areas**

Health; Climate, Energy and Mobility;
Natural Resources, Agri-food and
Environment; Digital, Industry and Space;
Heritage, Culture and Inclusive Society

402

Research
Projects

436

Active registered
international
patents

Research Promotion
and Management Service
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International
cooperation
agreements

18.4%

of students
are of foreign
nationality

International
Relations Division
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97.7%

employment rate

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Student Support Services

Social Services

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Academic Management Services

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Student Hub

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RECOGNITION THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

The University of Coimbra is not just historical – it is also global recognized. From international rankings to top partnerships, UC is always on the top-list.

AND YOU CAN BE PART OF IT.



UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE

The historic campus of UC is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Studying here means walking through centuries of knowledge and tradition every single day.



#1 SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY IN PORTUGAL

UC is the most sustainable university in Portugal and ranks among the world's top 200*. Here, the future is green – and you can help build it.

* THE — Impact Rankings 2025



COIMBRA, A CITY TO EXPLORE

Coimbra is on The New York Times list of 52 cities to visit. And it will be your home while you study at one of the best universities in the world.



TOP 500 WORLDWIDE

UC is among the 500 best universities in the world*. Here, academic quality and cutting-edge research are guaranteed – as well as your future.

* THE — World University Rankings 2026



● Faculty of Arts and Humanities | **FLUC**

Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
PhD in Archaeology	4	1.417€	
PhD in Information Science	4	1.425€	
PhD in Communication Sciences	4	1.425€	
PhD in Artistic Studies	3	1.417€	
PhD in Classical Studies	4	1.417€	
PhD in Feminist Studies	4	1.425€	
PhD in Philosophy	4	1.417€	
PhD in Geography	4	1.417€	
PhD in History	4	1.425€	
PhD in Art History	4	1.417€	
PhD in Modern Languages: Cultures, Literatures, Translation	4	1.425€	
PhD in Portuguese Linguistics	3	1.417€	
PhD in Portuguese-Language Literature	4	1.425€	
PhD in Literary Materialities	4	1.417€	
PhD in Cultural Heritage and Museology	4	1.500€	
PhD in Food Heritage: Cultures and Identities	4	1.425€	
PhD in Tourism, Heritage and Territory	4	2.500€	a)

Observations

a) Doctoral programme taught in Portuguese and English



● Faculty of Law | **FDUC**

Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
PhD in Law	5	1.600€	



● Faculty of Medicine | **FMUC**

Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
PhD Programme in Health Sciences	4	2.500€	a)

Observations

a) Doctoral programme taught in Portuguese and English



● Faculty of Science and Technology | FCTUC

Department	Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
Department of Architecture	PhD in Architecture	3	2.750€	a)
Department of Earth Sciences	PhD in Geology	3	2.750€	
	PhD in Anthropology	3	2.750€	a)
Department of Life Sciences	PhD in Landscape Architecture and Urban Ecology	3	3.000€	
	PhD in Biosciences	3	2.750€	a)
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering	PhD in Electrical and Intelligent Systems Engineering	3	2.750€	
	PhD in Steel and Composite Construction	3	2.750€	a)
	PhD in Civil Engineering	3	2.750€	
Department of Civil Engineering	PhD in Urban Fire Safety Engineering	3	2.750€	
	PhD in Environmental Engineering	3	2.750€	a)
	Doctoral Programme in Transport Systems	3	2.750€	
	Doctoral Programme in Spatial Planning	3	2.750€	

Department	Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
Department of Informatics Engineering	PhD in Informatics Engineering	3	2.750€	a)
	PhD in Industrial Engineering and Management	3	2.750€	a)
Department of Mechanical Engineering	PhD in Mechanical Engineering	3	2.750€	a)
	Doctoral Programme in Advanced Materials and Processing	3	2.750€	
	PhD in Sustainable Energy Systems	4	2.750€	a)
Department of Chemical Engineering	PhD in Chemical Engineering	3	2.750€	a)
	PhD in Refining, Petrochemical and Chemical Engineering	3	6.350€	
	PhD in Biomedical Engineering	3	2.750€	a)
Department of Physics	PhD in Engineering Physics	3	2.750€	a)
	PhD in Physics	3	2.750€	a)
Department of Mathematics	PhD in Mathematics (InterUniversity Programme)	4	2.750€	b)
Department of Chemistry	PhD in Chemistry	4	2.750€	a)



Faculty of Pharmacy | FFUC

Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences	4	2.750€	a)

Observations

- a) Doctoral programme taught in Portuguese and English
- b) Doctoral programme taught in English



● Faculty of Economics | FEUC

Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
PhD in Democracy in the 21st Century	4	2.000€	
PhD in Economics and Finance	4	Valor sujeito a aprovação do Conselho Geral	
PhD in Political Economy	4	2.000€	
PhD in Management – Applied Decision Science	4	2.000€	
PhD in Business Management	3	2.000€	a)
PhD in Governance, Knowledge and Innovation	4	2.000€	a)
PhD in International Relations: Peace and International Politics	4	2.000€	
PhD in Sociology	3	2.000€	
PhD in Sociology – Cities and Urban Cultures	3	2.000€	
PhD in Sociology – Labour Relations, Social Inequalities and Trade Unionism	3	2.000€	
PhD in Sociology of the State, Law and Justice	4	2.000€	b)

Observations

a) Doctoral programme taught in Portuguese and English

b) Doctoral programme taught in English



● Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences | FPCEUC

Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
PhD in Education Sciences	3	1.583€	
PhD in Psychology	3	2.750€	a)
PhD in Clinical Psychology – Family Psychology and Family Intervention	3	2.750€	
PhD in Psychology, specialization in Educational Psychology	3	1.717€	
Inter-University PhD Programme in Social Work	3	2.750€	



● Faculty of Sport Sciences and Physical Education | FCDEFUC

Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
PhD in Sport Sciences	3	2.500€	a)

Observations

a) Doctoral programme taught in Portuguese and English



● Interdisciplinary Research Institute | IIIUC

Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
PhD in Experimental Biology and Biomedicine	4	2.750€	a)
PhD in Computational Media Design	3	2.750€	a)
PhD in Contemporary Studies	4	1.375€	
PhD in History of Science and Science Education	3	2.350€	
PhD in Heritages of Portuguese Influence	4	2.000€	
PhD in Territory, Risk and Public Policies	4	2.000€	
Doctoral Programme in Human Rights in Contemporary Societies	4	2.000€	a)
Doctoral Programme in Sustainable Forest Development	3	2.500€	
International Doctoral Programme in Integrative Neuroscience	4	2.750€	a)

Observations

a) Doctoral programme taught in Portuguese and English



● College Of The Arts | CAUC

Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
PhD in Contemporary Art	3	1.750€	a)



● Rectorate | UC

Programme	Duration (Years)	Annual Tuition fee	Obs.
PhD in Nursing	4	2.000€	a)

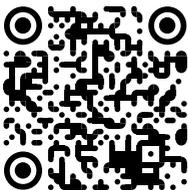
Observations

a) Doctoral programme taught in Portuguese and English

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Scholarships

The University of Coimbra recognizes, values, and supports its best students with the aim of rewarding merit, dedication, and academic performance, as well as promoting academic and scientific excellence across all study cycles. In this way, it also fosters equal opportunities for completing studies, regardless of economic situation, helping prevent dropout and rewarding academic success.



Find all the information on the webpage

<https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/awards-scholarships-uc/>

Housing and Other Support Services

The University of Coimbra has student residences located across three campuses of the institution, all within the city of Coimbra and in close proximity to Faculties, Research Centers, and other academic spaces. The residences are fully furnished and equipped, providing students with a comfortable, safe, and functional environment. The service includes weekly exchange and cleaning of bed linen and towels, ensuring residents' wellbeing and convenience throughout their academic journey.

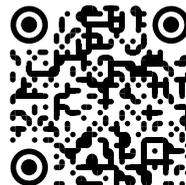
Application

All applications must be submitted online through the [inforestudante.uc.pt](https://www.uc.pt/en/academic-services/awards-scholarships-uc/) platform, where all the applicant's data and documents are uploaded, from the moment of application until the registration of the academic record at the University of Coimbra.

<https://www.uc.pt/en/applications/phd-courses/>

There are usually three application phases per year, starting in March and ending in September.

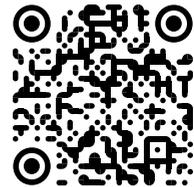
The specific deadlines for each faculty can be consulted at:



CONTACTS

For all information regarding applications to doctoral programmes (3rd cycle), please consult UC's official webpage:

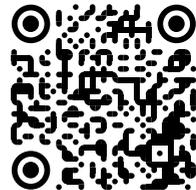
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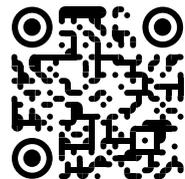
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ACADEMIC SERVICES

For information and support with the application process, contact us through the web form available at:

<https://www.uc.pt/en/sga/email/>



OTHER ISSUES

For other questions or more information about the programs, contact us via email: admissions@uc.pt



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