



Universidade de Évora

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Applications for Admission to the Master Program in
Conservation Biology
Academic year 2020/2021

1. The program is promoted by:

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3. Program description:

The Master's Degree in Conservation Biology (MBC-UÉ) provides students with advanced and integrated technical-scientific knowledge on pertinent issues in the management and conservation of biological resources. With a completion rate of 90% (15's editions) and a success rate (number of students who obtain the degree / number of students who wanted to obtain it) is around 80%. These results are an indicator of the success of MBC-UÉ, which offers its students the possibility of taking advantage of Erasmus + mobility. MBC-UÉ has contributed to the training of students from different countries Europe, South America, Africa and Asia, and its internationalization has been steadily increasing.

4. Career opportunities:

Environmental consultancy in the area of nature conservation in municipalities, associations of municipalities; technical support offices; environmental impact study companies; non-governmental organizations; Thematic parks; forestry, farming and hunting companies or associations; senior technicians in Ecology and Environment for central and regional administrations; Protected Areas offices; technical offices; entrepreneurship in tourism and nature activities; local development associations. Applied or fundamental scientific research in research centers, associated and public laboratories; IES. Secondary education: MBC-UÉ is recognized, for the purposes of article 54 of the Portuguese Statute of the Teaching Career (DL n.º270 / 2009 of September 30), regulated by Ordinance n.º344 / 2008 of April 30, for the recruitment group 520 of the 3rd cycle of primary and secondary education.

5. Number of registration at DGES:

R/A-Ef 1715/2011/AL02

6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES:

ACEF/1415/05897

7. Program Creation Norm:

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8. General conditions of access and admission:

i Legal conditions for access to the cycle of studies leading to the master degree

The following individuals can apply for a cycle of studies leading to the master degree:

- holders of a Portuguese Licenciado degree or legal equivalent;
- holders of a foreign higher education undergraduate degree, which is recognized as satisfying the objectives of the degree of Licenciado by the competent scientific committee of the higher education institution where they wish to be admitted;
- holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum which is recognized as attesting the ability to carry out this cycle of studies by the competent scientific committee of the higher education institution where they wish to be admitted.

ii Conditions of access to the cycle of studies at the University of Evora

On the application date, the undergraduate students must satisfy conditions that guarantee the conclusion of their undergraduate degree until the 30th of October of the admission year. The admission and enrollment of these students is conditioned on the conclusion of the degree until this date, and the enrollment is canceled if the student does not complete the degree within that period.

During the first application phase, students who have a maximum of 6 curricular units or 36 ECTS missing for conclusion of their degree can apply for the 2nd cycle; in the 2nd application phase students can apply if they have at most 3 curricular units missing and in the 3rd application phase if they have at most one curricular unit missing.

The previous condition does not apply to students with a curriculum that reveals professional or scientific experience, which can be recognized by the competent scientific body, as attesting the student's ability to carry out the master's degree/post-graduation, provided that the student required that recognition in the application process.

iii Specific admission conditions

1. Degree in an area relevant to Conservation Biology: ex. Biology, Environmental Sciences and Ecology, Agrarian and Animal Sciences, Forestry and Fisheries, Management of Natural Resources, Veterinary Medicine, Geography in the variant of Sustainable Development, Environmental Education, Ecotourism.

These and other 1st Cycle courses may be considered if they include in their study plans curricular units with contents in the main scientific areas of Biology and / or Ecology and Environment, including the respective sub-areas of both.

2. In the ranking, preference will be given to candidates whose grade in the 1st cycle is equal to or higher than thirteen (13) values (in 20).

9. Selection Process:

- Academic qualifications: 70%
 - Area of qualifications: 30%
 - Average grade in the highest qualification: 40%
 - Level of qualifications: 30%
- Curriculum analysis: 30%
 - Scientific and technical activities and publications: 50%
 - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 50%

10. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 15
- Maximum number of admissions for candidates without nationality of countries of the European Union: 3

Depending on the number of applications, there may be transfer of vacancies from the international students applications to the European Union students applications or vice-versa.

11. Minimum number of students: 10

12. Tuition fee

- Candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 1200.00 €
- Candidates without nationality of countries of the European Union: 2500.00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with merit scholarship: 1200.00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with cooperation and development scholarship: 1400.00 €

All students with international student status who have an undergraduate degree grade which is equal to or higher than 15 (in a scale of 0-20), will have a reduced tuition fee in the first year of the program due to the merit scholarship. To maintain this reduced tuition fee in the following years, the student has to pass all curricular units and have an average grade equal or above the minimum merit grade. All students with international student status from PALOP countries, will have a reduced tuition fee in the first year of the program due to the cooperation and development scholarship. To maintain this reduced tuition fee in the remaining years the student has obtain a minimum academic performance.

13. Organization / duration:

- a. **Duration of the program:** 4 semesters
- b. **Number of ECTS to obtain the degree:** 120
- c. **Number of ECTS to obtain the master's course (conclusion of the curricular part):**
60

14. Language (s) of teaching:

- Portuguese

Msc course taught in Portuguese, with tutorial support from the teacher in English for foreign students.
Bibliography readings often in English and sometimes in Spanish.

15. Learning Type: Presential

16. Schedule type: Mixed

17. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

18. Program starting date: September of 2020

January 30, 2020
The Rector

Ana Costa Freitas