



## MASTER IN POLITICAL ECONOMY

On 20 November 2025, the Committee for the Analysis of Applications for the Master's in Political Economy, composed of Professor Paulo Miguel dos Santos Marques, Professor Sérgio Miguel Chilra Lagoa, and Professor Diniz Marques Francisco Lopes, convened to establish the criteria for the selection and ranking of candidates for the 2026/2027 Master's in Political Economy programme.

### SELECTION AND RANKING CRITERIA

The Committee decided to approve the following criteria:

**a) Relevance of the degree (weighting: 25%)**

- 20 points - Highly relevant (Economics, Political Science, International Relations and Sociology).
- 16 points - Relevant (Law, Public Administration, Public Policy, History, Development Studies, Anthropology, Environmental Studies, Political Philosophy, European Studies, Management, and Finance).
- 10 points - Less relevant (other degrees).

**b) Final undergraduate average (weighting: 35%; scale: 0-20)**

**c) Professional experience (weighting: 10%; scale: 0-20)**

**d) Motivation for the Master's programme (weighting: 30%; scale: 0-20)<sup>1</sup>**

The final score for each applicant is calculated as the weighted average of the scores obtained in the established criteria and is expressed on a numerical scale from 0 to 20, rounded to two decimal places.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants must submit a motivation letter that: (i) explains their motivation and fit with the Master's in Political Economy, showing alignment with the programme's profile; (ii) evidences academic readiness, referring to relevant coursework/experience and methodological openness; (iii) outlines a preliminary area of interest for the dissertation; (iv) demonstrates clarity and structure of writing.

# CRITÉRIOS DE SELEÇÃO E SERIAÇÃO

## MINIMUM SCORE

Only candidates who achieve a final score of 13 or above will be considered for admission.<sup>2</sup>

## TIE-BREAKER RULE

In the event of a tie among applicants for the final available position, the candidate with the highest final undergraduate average will be admitted. If a tie persists, applicants will be ranked based on the date and time of their application to the Master's programme as recorded on the submission platform, with priority given to the earliest submission.

## HOLDERS OF A FOREIGN QUALIFICATION

In accordance with the legislation in force, applicants admitted with a foreign qualification are admitted on a conditional basis and are subject to the internal recognition of their qualification.

Students holding diplomas or certificates issued by foreign higher education institutions must ensure that the documents submitted with their application:

- Indicate the final classification awarded for the degree, together with the corresponding grading scale.
- Are accompanied by a supporting document listing the courses completed, the marks obtained in each course, and the duration of the programme.
- Include a certified translation if the documents are issued in any language other than Spanish, French, English, or Italian.

## APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The application is made exclusively online. The following documents are mandatory:

- 1) Recent photograph.
- 2) Copy of citizen card or passport.
- 3) Bachelor's degree certificate with final classification.<sup>2</sup>
- 4) Official transcripts of records listing all courses and marks.
- 5) Curriculum vitae.
- 6) Motivation letter (to be completed on the application platform).
- 7) Personal statement regarding English language proficiency.

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<sup>2</sup> Applicants who have not yet completed their bachelor's degree must upload a declaration of honour (template available on the platform) as an alternative to the diploma.

# CRITÉRIOS DE SELEÇÃO E SERIAÇÃO

Applicants who fail to submit the required documents will be deferred to the following round. If they do not provide the missing documentation by the end of the subsequent application period, they will be excluded.

Applicants who are not admitted due to lack of available places will be transferred to the next round.

In the final round, candidates will have reserve status and may enrol on the programme if vacancies remain from admitted candidates who do not enrol, for the academic year to which the application refers.

## **The Committee for the Analysis of Applications:**

Professor Paulo Miguel dos Santos Marques

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