

## UNIVERSITY

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

<b>Application deadlines</b>	1st semester : 1 June 2011 2nd semester: 1 November 2011
<b>Online applications</b>	<p>Students within the Framework of the LLP/ERASMUS or other Mobility Programmes shall apply online at <a href="http://www.uc.pt/en/driic/estudantesIN/CandidatIN">http://www.uc.pt/en/driic/estudantesIN/CandidatIN</a></p> <p>All students are advised to read carefully the application guide before starting the online application.</p>

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**Academic calendar**

*1st Semester:* From September 2011 to December 2011  
*Christmas Break:* last two weeks of December 2011 to first week of January 2012  
*Examination Period -1st Semester:* first week of January to first week of February 2012  
*Semester Break:* second week of February 2012

*2nd Semester:* From February to June 2012  
*Easter Break:* one week in April 2012  
*Academic Festivity "Queima das Fitas":* one week in May 2012  
*Examination Period -2nd Semester:* June to July 2012  
*Resit Examination Period:* July 2012  
*Summer Holidays:* 1 to 31 August 2012

**Assessment system**

Assessment comprises written, oral and practical tests/examinations, papers, theses, projects, reports, and portfolios. All these modes of assessment may take place during and/or at the end of each semester. More detailed information about assessment methods can be found in the content description of different course units of the study programmes.

1. The final assessment of a course unit is expressed by a grade on a scale of whole numbers from 0 to 20, with 10 as the minimum pass mark.
2. The final classification of a diploma/degree programme is expressed as a number from 10 to 20 on the scale of whole numbers from 0 to 20.
3. The final classification is the arithmetic weighted average of the classifications obtained in the course units that make part of the course structures of the diploma/degree programmes.
4. The final classification is usually associated with a qualitative definition in four classes: Pass (10-13) Good (14 and 15), Very Good (16 and 17) and Excellent (18-20).

The Academic Services at each Faculty (called "Bedel" in some of them) deal with examination scheduling and registration as well as marks.

**Language of instruction**

The majority of course units are conducted in Portuguese. Although there is a number of course units offered in English (<http://www.uc.pt/en/ects/catalogo>); and in some cases, exchange students make arrangements with lecturers in order to be allowed to do examinations or submit assignments in English (or in another language, if both parts know it). Modern Language studies are usually medium-taught (in Portuguese, English, French, German, Dutch, Spanish or Italian).

The Faculty of Sciences and Technology usually offers complete master courses in English in the fields of Ecology, Cell Biology and Software Engineering; and a doctoral programme in the field of Information Technology.

**Language requisites**

As you can see from above it is very important that students have a good knowledge of the Portuguese language. Therefore, they are advised to attend the Intensive Language Preparation Course at the beginning of the months of September and February. The course may not be free of charge for exchange students.

Although, there will be a number of Portuguese Language and Culture Courses running at the Faculty of Letters at the beginning of each semester and during the year.

Learn more at <http://www.uc.pt/fluc/ensino/cpe>

**Information on courses**

Course study programmes are available in Portuguese and English at <http://www.uc.pt/ects>

Please contact ECTS departmental coordinators of the subject area that interests

you most for more information.

**European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)**

All courses of the University of Coimbra are organised in compliance with the ECTS. For further information see <http://www.uc.pt/ects>

**Information on the ECTS departmental coordinators**

The University of Coimbra has an ECTS Coordinator per Faculty, and each Faculty nominates an ECTS Departmental Coordinator by subject area/department. They work in close connection with the International Relations Unit and deal with issues about the academic recognition of student mobility.

See their names and contacts at <http://www.uc.pt/ects>

**USEFUL LINKS ABOUT PORTUGAL AND THE CITY OF COIMBRA**

**About Portugal**

Official Portuguese tourist website

<http://www.visitportugal.com/>

**About Coimbra**

Official tourist website of Portugal's Main Land

<http://www.turismo-centro.pt/>

Find out all you can do in Coimbra

<http://www.turismodecoimbra.pt/>

**How to get to Coimbra**

ECTS Information Package Website

[http://www.uc.pt/en/ects/info\\_caracter\\_geral/acaminho/](http://www.uc.pt/en/ects/info_caracter_geral/acaminho/)