

TUITION FEE

DOCTOR'S DEGREE

Amounts and deadlines

The tuition fee amount applicable to PhD students should be consulted on the page of each PhD available in Sigarra (https://sigarra.up.pt/fcup/en/web_page.inicial).

1. The tuition fee can be paid:
 - all at once in the registration;
 - in ten monthly instalments, the first due at the time of registration and the remaining, in the months following the beginning of the academic year until the last day of each month, according to the academic calendar of each PhD.

Exceptions:

- a) Students who, unequivocally, present proof of their effective economic and financial needs, are authorized by the Director of the Faculty (Administrative Institution), to comply with a different payment plan;
 - b) Students attending the PhD under cooperation agreements, in which case the tuition fee will be paid in accordance with the terms of the agreement.
2. PhD students who have applied for an **FCT grant** must submit, at registration, proof of this application. The payment of the tuition fee will be pending of FCT's application result.
 3. PhD students who have applied for an **FCT grant** and have not obtained it but wish to remain enrolled in the PhD must pay the tuition fee according to one of the modalities mentioned in point 1 of this leaflet. The deadline for payment must be no later than **15 working days** from the date of notification of the final decision of the FCT. To this end, students should contact the Post-Graduate Unit immediately after the publication of the final results in order to update their account.
 4. PhD students who have applied for an FCT grant and have obtained it, must inform the Post-Graduation Unit, within 15 working days counted from the communication of the decision by the FCT.
 5. According to the Rectoral Order number GR 06/06/2021, when a student with an FCT grant defends their thesis before the end of the FCT grant, usually FCT will only pay the tuition fee accordingly. In these cases, where FCT doesn't pay the full amount of the tuition fee regarding that academic year, the student will be responsible for making the remaining payment, even if the PhD has already been obtained.
 6. In cases where the tuition fee is financed by **external entities**, the student is responsible for compliance with the payment, being subject to the consequences of non-payment mentioned in this leaflet.
 7. The tuition fees corresponding to the academic year in which the PhD thesis is delivered are due in full, including any unpaid instalments regardless of their payment deadline. After the tuition fees are paid, and regardless of the date on which the defence of the thesis occurs, no further tuition fees shall be charged.

Exceptions apply to students who submit their thesis within the first **90 working days** from the specific date of the beginning of the cycle of studies in accordance with what has been approved by the Rector, provided that, having a valid registration in the previous academic year, the student has fulfilled all registrations and tuition fee payments for the normal duration of the PhD, full-time or part-time and in accordance with the rules established in the University of Porto Partial Time Student Regulation ("Regime do Estudante a Tempo Parcial da Universidade do Porto").

(Conditional registration) "Inscrição Condicionada": The registration will remain conditional until the payment of the first instalment or presentation of a document that proves the student has applied or was granted a scholarship from FCT.

No certificates may be issued.

Payment methods

The payment methods are available at:

https://sigarra.up.pt/fcup/en/WEB_BASE.GERA_PAGINA?p_pagina=1032608

Non-payment

Under the Higher Education Funding Law, failure to pay tuition fees has the sole consequence of failure to recognize academic acts performed in the period to which the obligation relates.

Tuition fees are considered to be in debt if the payment is not made at the time of registration, or within the deadlines of each instalment, or if the payment plan or agreement is not met.

Failure to comply with the payment may trigger other legal proceedings.

Applicable regulations | Documentation

For a better understanding of some of the subjects here mentioned, the official regulations applicable to Doctor's Degree (Portuguese only) should be consulted at SIGARRA:

https://sigarra.up.pt/fcup/pt/conteudos_geral.ver?pct_pag_id=1011511&pct_parametros=pv_unidade=97

> Informação comum aos 3 ciclos de estudo (and) Informação sobre Doutoramentos

Student worker status

How to request: the form (Portuguese only) is available in FCUP's webpage:

https://sigarra.up.pt/fcup/pt/conteudos_service.conteudos_cont?pct_id=311001&pv_cod=25at4NanaOcy

Where to request:

- By email to pos.graduacao@fc.up.pt. In this case, all documents must contain a qualified electronic signature.
- By post. In this case, the original documents must be sent to:
Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade do Porto
Unidade de Pós-Graduação
Rua do Campo Alegre s/n, Edif-FC5, Sala 0.7
4169-07 Porto
- In person at the Student's Desk, according to the working schedules available at:
https://sigarra.up.pt/fcup/pt/uni_geral.unidade_view?pv_unidade=189.

Deadlines:

- The request and documents identified in the preceding article must be submitted upon enrolment/registration or, if this is not possible, at most within 20 working days from the deadline of enrolments/registrations.
- If the conditions required to obtain the student worker status are only fulfilled after expiry of the mentioned deadline, students can still request the granting of the status for the second semester of the academic year, provided they present the request and documents at most within 20 working days from the beginning of the second semester activities.

Maintenance (suspension)

Students who, at the time of enrolment in the academic year, request the attribution/renewal of the Student Worker Status, may, simultaneously and cumulatively with such request, demand the **maintenance (suspension) of the registration for one year without registration**, proving, for this purpose, the urgent need to interrupt the studies due to professional reasons. In the event of **approval** of both requests, the tuition fee will not be due that academic year.

If the request for Student Worker Status is rejected and within 10 working days of notification of the decision, students may submit a request of attendance withdrawal, which will imply the payment of the first instalment.

If they have successfully completed course units and they want the corresponding certification, then the attendance withdrawal will have to obey the general rules (of withdrawal) mentioned in this regulation leaflet.

This suspension is **exceptional** and can only be used **once** during the student's academic journey in a given cycle of studies.

Recognition request (courses)

How to request: on-line via SIGARRA.

https://sigarra.up.pt/fcup/en/web_page.inicial

> Login > Access your personal page by clicking on your name > Open your student page by clicking on the magnifying glass > Click on "Reconhecimentos" (Portuguese only)

Deadlines:

1. Recognition requests can only be submitted upon admission (enrolment), or readmission (registration) to a given cycle of studies, or when registering for an academic year.
2. In the case of relevant training or work experience that is prior to admission to the cycle of studies, the recognition request must be submitted, only once, upon admission to the cycle of studies.
3. Annually, when registering for the academic year, the student may request recognition of the training carried out or work experience obtained over the previous academic year.

After the conclusion of a recognition request, students may change their registration in curricular units **within 10 working days**.

Training obtained outside of Portugal

It will be necessary to present evidence issued by the competent authorities recognizing the Institution that awarded the qualification as part of its higher education system, through:

- a statement issued by the Directorate General for Higher Education (DGES) of Portugal, to certify the level of foreign training for the purpose of applying for equivalence / recognition in accordance with the procedure defined in the following address
<https://www.dges.gov.pt/en/pagina/naric-statements>

or

- a declaration issued by the competent authorities of the country in which the qualification was obtained, recognizing the institution as part of its higher education system.

Applicable fees: Recognition requests are subject to the payment of the fees established in the UP table of fees (Portuguese only):

https://sigarra.up.pt/fcup/en/web_page.inicial

> Courses > Documents > Informação comum aos 3 ciclos de estudos > Tabela de Emolumentos

Registration as a full/partial time student

In full time, students can enrol in a **maximum of 75 ECTS credits**.

In partial time, students can enrol up to a **maximum of 37.5 ECTS credits per year or 40,5 ECTS credits (if the student may finish the degree in that year)**.

If the student chooses to register in partial time in Thesis, it is considered that to complete one curricular year the student must make the corresponding to two annual part-time registrations.

Changing from full time to partial time / partial time to full time:

- The change must be done **upon registration in the beginning of the academic year**;
- **Student workers** may require this change at the beginning of the second semester;
- **Outside the deadlines** defined in the U. Porto Partial Time Student Regulation (“Regime do Estudante a Tempo Parcial da UP”), any request shall be dismissed.

Attendance Withdrawal

The student may submit a request for attendance withdrawal, addressed to the Director of the Faculty.

- Until the end of the first semester of each academic year, the student must pay all instalments due at the date of the request, including the current month;
- After the end of the first semester, the entire tuition fee is due.

The amounts owed by the student following the attendance withdrawal are paid until the end of the last monthly installment of the defined tuition fee.

Exceptions:

- Students whose application for a **scholarship from FCT** is rejected, and who do not wish to remain enrolled, may submit a request for attendance withdrawal within **15 working days** after publication of the final rejection order, in which case the training carried out cannot be recognized;
- International students** who, being required to obtain a residence permit for study purposes, have their application rejected may submit a request for attendance withdrawal **within 10 days** of notification of the rejection of their application;
- Students who apply for or have previously applied for **credit transfer** may submit a request for attendance withdrawal within 10 working days of notification of the decision of the credit transfer request.

In the situations referred to in points d and e, only the payment of the first instalment of the tuition fee is due, except if the students have successfully completed course units and they want the corresponding certification, in which case the general rules mentioned above (points a and b) are applied.

International students

An international student is a student who does not have Portuguese nationality;

Exceptions:

- Nationals of a Member State of the European Union;
- Family of Portuguese citizens or nationals from a Member State of the European Union, regardless of their nationality;
- Those who, not being nationals of a Member State of the European Union, have resided lawfully in Portugal for more than two years, uninterruptedly, on January 1st of the year in which they intend to register in the Faculty/University, as well as the children who reside with them legally (the residence time with study permit is not relevant for this purpose);
- Those who are beneficiaries, on January 1st of the year in which they intend to register in the Faculty/University, of equality of rights and obligations granted under an international treaty between the Portuguese State and the State of which they are nationals.

International students shall maintain this status until the end of the cycle of studies in which they originally enrolled even if, during the course of their studies, they are granted equal rights and obligations under an international treaty between the Portuguese State and the State of which they are nationals.

For students who, in the meantime, **acquire the nationality of a Member State of the European Union**, the international student status will remain until the academic year subsequent to the date of acquisition of nationality.

Useful information:

https://sigarra.up.pt/up/en/WEB_BASE.GERA_PAGINA?p_pagina=gateway-estudantes-internacionais