

INFORMATION FOR APPLICATIONS - ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

Cycle of Studies (CS)	Second Cycle	
Software Engineering		
Organic Unit	Organic Unit(s)/University(ies) in association	Location of the CS 2017/18 (if in association)
FEUP		

A – Places

Places	TOTAL	1 st Phase	2 nd Phase	3 rd Phase	4 th Phase	5 th Phase
1. Number of places (no. or N/A)	30	15	10	5	N/A	N/A
Does it include leftover places from the previous phase?			Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A

Minimum number of students for the cycle of studies to operate	15
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B - Timeframe for applications

	1 st Phase	2 nd Phase	3 rd Phase	4 th Phase	5 th Phase
Submission of applications	Until 18 th January 2017	24 th March to 24 th April 2017	30 th June to 7 th August 2017	-	-
Posting of provisional results*	30 th January 2017	8 th May 2017	6 th September 2017	-	-
Prior hearing #	31 st January to 13 th February 2017	9 th to 22 nd May 2017	7 th to 20 th September 2017	-	-
Posting of final results*	20 th February 2017	29 th May 2017	25 th September 2017	-	-
Submission of complaints by applicants	21 st February to 14 th March 2017	30 th May to 20 th June 2017	26 th September to 17 th October 2017	-	-
Publication of decision about complaints*	Until 21 st March 2017	Until 27 th June 2017	Until 24 th October 2017	-	-
Enrolment	27 th February to 9 th March 2017	5 th to 16 th June 2017	29 th September to 6 th October 2017	-	-
Eventual admission of non-placed applicants	15 th to 20 th March 2017	21 st to 26 th June 2017	13 th to 20 th October 2017	-	-
Publication of leftover places for the following phase	23 rd March 2017	29 th June 2017	-	-	-
Means of notifying applicants	Email specified on the application	Email specified on the application	Email specified on the application	-	-

Credit transfer regarding training and work experience

	1 st Phase	2 nd Phase	3 rd Phase	4 th Phase	5 th Phase
Submission of the request	Upon application and upon registration	Upon application and upon registration	Upon application and upon registration		
Publication of results	Until 30 th March 2017	Until 7 th July 2017	Until 27 th October 2017		
Change of the registration in result of the credit transfer process	10 working days after the publication of the credit transfer result	10 working days after the publication of the credit transfer result	10 working days after the publication of the credit transfer result		

Timeframe for the academic year	1 st semester	2 nd semester
Beginning of classes at U. Porto	18/09/2017	05/02/2018
Beginning of classes in the Cycle of Studies	18/09/2017	05/02/2018
Deadline to finish evaluation	02/02/2018	22/06/2018
Deadline to finish evaluation in the Cycle of Studies	02/02/2018	29/06/2018

C – Access conditions and criteria for selection and ranking

Specific conditions to access the cycle of studies

- BSc degree, or legal equivalent, in Informatics, Computer Science or related area.
- Higher education academic degree taken abroad, in a suitable area (Informatics Engineering, Computer Science, or equivalent), corresponding to a 1st cycle of studies organised according to the Bologna Process by a State subscribing to this Process.
- Higher education academic degree taken abroad, in a suitable area (Informatics Engineering, Computer Science, or equivalent), recognised, by the legally competent scientific body of the hosting institution, as fulfilling the requirements of a BSc degree.
- Applicants holding an academic, scientific or professional curriculum that provides evidence of the skills required to undertake this cycle of studies, and that is recognised by the legally competent scientific body of the hosting institution.
- Besides one of these, proven proficiency in English is required.

In the 1st and 2nd phases, only applicants with a ranking grade equal to, or higher than, 14 (out of 20) will be admitted.

Criteria and sub-criteria for selection and ranking of applicants	Weighting (%)
1. Average final scores of previous degrees, weighted by their respective ECTS	30%
2. Curricular analysis, assessed by the number of years of relevant professional practice, and letters of recommendation	30%
3. Interview analysis, conducted by two or more master course lecturers, based on the following evaluation:	
3.1 Motivation - interest in the topic of Software Engineering	10%
3.2 Commitment and availability - expected dedication of the candidate to finish the full master, particularly in terms of intended will to attend classes and of time to be devoted to work and study. For working students, the commitment of the company to attend classes is a decisive criterion	10%
3.3 Other skills and proven capacity - beyond the information given in the curriculum, such as innovative projects developed	5%
3.4 Attitude, communication skills, organization and structuring of ideas and discourse during the interview	5%
3.5 Skills in English	10%

Applicants tie-breaking criterion (*it can be the classification obtained on some of the elements from the previous table*)

The fact that applicants are interviewed prevents the possibility of a tie.

Observations

Note: lack of availability to undertake and present academic work necessary to complete this cycle of studies, or insufficient communication skills in English, are reasons enough for not accepting the applicant, regardless of the curricular analysis and average application score.