

2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

INFORMATION FOR APPLICATIONS

Cycle of Studies (CS)	Second Cycle	Ciclo de Estudos		
Spatial Planning and Urban Project		Planeamento e Projeto Urbano		
Organisational unit	Organisational Unit(s)/University(ies) in association	Location of CS edition (if in association)		
FEUP	FAUP	FEUP		
Functioning				
Daytime				
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Places

Places established in the accreditation process	40			
Places	TOTAL	1 st Phase	2 nd Phase	3 rd Phase
(If applicable) number of IS and NS places	40	15	20	5
Does it include leftover places?			Yes	Yes

Minimum number of students

Minimum number of students for the cycle of studies to operate	20
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Calendar NS + IS

	1 st Phase		2 nd Phase		3 rd Phase	
	Beginning	End	Beginning	End	Beginning	End
Submission of applications	09-01-2024	01-02-2024	18-03-2024	18-04-2024	06-08-2024	14-08-2024
Application review	02-02-2024	20-02-2024	19-04-2024	24-05-2024	16-08-2024	02-09-2024
Posting of provisional results	21-02-2024		27-05-2024		03-09-2024	
Prior hearing	22-02-2024	06-03-2024	28-05-2024	12-06-2024	04-09-2024	17-09-2024
Posting of final results	13-03-2024		17-06-2024		20-09-2024	
Submission of complaints	14-03-2024	04-04-2024	18-06-2024	09-07-2024	23-09-2024	11-10-2024
Publishing of decision about complaints	11-04-2024		22-07-2024		18-10-2024	
Enrolment	18-03-2024	26-03-2024	20-06-2024	06-08-2024	23-09-2024	27-09-2024
Admission of non-placed applicants	02-04-2024	09-04-2024	07-08-2024	12-08-2024	30-09-2024	06-10-2024
Publishing of leftover places	16-04-2024		13-08-2024			

Procedure for notifying candidates

The results will be published in the form of a notice on the Faculty's website.

The e-mail address provided in the application process will be used as a supplementary means of publishing the results.

Credit transfer regarding training and work experience

Deadlines for credit transfer regarding training and work experience

	1 st Phase	2 nd Phase	3 rd Phase
Submission of request	On application and on enrolment	On application and on enrolment	On application and on enrolment
Publishing of results	Up to 15 working days after the end of the enrolment period or the end of the credit transfer process	Up to 15 working days after the end of the enrolment period or the end of the credit transfer process	Up to 15 working days after the end of the enrolment period or the end of the credit transfer process
Change of enrolment resulting from the credit transfer process	Up to 10 working days after the publishing of the credit transfer results	Up to 10 working days after the publishing of the credit transfer results	Up to 10 working days after the publishing of the credit transfer results

Calendar for the academic year

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	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
Beginning of the academic year at U. Porto	16/09/2024	10/02/2025
Beginning of the lecturing activity in the Cycle of Studies	23/09/2024	12/02/2025
End of the lecturing activity in the Cycle of Studies	20/12/2024	30/05/2025
Deadline for completion of evaluation	07/02/2025	11/07/2025
Deadline for completion of evaluation in the Cycle of Studies	07/02/2025	11/07/2025

Access Conditions and Ranking Criteria

Specific conditions to access the Cycle of Studies	
<p>Applicants who may apply for a Master's programme at FEUP are those who are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Holders of a bachelor's degree (or legal equivalent) in the area of Architecture and Civil Engineering or similar area deemed appropriate by the Scientific Committee of the Cycle of Studies (e.g. Landscape Architecture; Territorial Planning; Urbanism; Environmental Engineering; Geography; Territorial Management; Environmental Sciences; Transport Planning; etc.); 2) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree in the area of Architecture and Civil Engineering (or similar area deemed appropriate by the Scientific Committee of the Cycle of Studies) conferred following a 1st cycle of studies organised in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by a country adhering to this Process; 3) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree in the area of Architecture and Civil Engineering (or a similar area deemed appropriate by the Scientific Committee of the Cycle of Studies) with a duration of, at least, 3 academic years; 4) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum in the area of Architecture and Civil Engineering (or similar area deemed appropriate by the Scientific Committee of the Cycle of Studies), including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) applicants whose bachelor's degree is pending the administrative closure of a mobility process that has already been completed, and who are in a position to obtain their bachelor's degree by the end of the enrolment deadline of the respective application phase, regardless of their HEI of origin. These applicants will lose their right to their place within the competition in question if they are unable to enrol by the deadline; b) "<i>students about to graduate from a bachelor's degree</i>" who are in a position to obtain their bachelor's degree by the end of the enrolment deadline of the respective application phase, regardless of their HEI of origin. These applicants will lose their right to their place within the competition in question if they are unable to enrol by the deadline; c) applicants who, not being covered by paragraphs a) or b), are holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum that is recognised by FEUP's statutorily competent scientific body as attesting to their ability to complete the cycle of studies they are applying for. <p>Proficiency in English is recommended.</p>	
Criteria and subcriteria for selection and ranking of applicants	Weightings
<p>Applicants will be ranked in descending order of their Final Mark (CF), based on the weighted average of the following: Application Average Grade (MC), Adequacy of Previous Training (AF), Prestige of the Educational Establishment (PEE) and Extra-Curricular component (EC). The Final Mark (CF) is rounded to the nearest hundredth.</p>	

<p>a) The Application Average Grade (MC), expressed on a scale of 10 to 20 points, rounded to the nearest unit, represents the applicant's final bachelor's degree mark (180 ECTS), or bachelor's degree with 5 years of training, or their current average at the time of application in the case of graduates or with a bachelor's degree with 5 years of training, or <i>students about to graduate from a bachelor's degree</i>, respectively.</p>	0,30
<p>b) The Adequacy of Previous Training (AF) of the applicant should consider the following component: The Adequacy of the Degree (AC), represents the assessment of the course directors of the "<i>degree of coverage in fundamental scientific areas</i>" provided by the syllabus of the (fundamental) degree of origin, expressed on a scale of 10 to 20 points, rounded to the nearest unit.</p>	0,30
<p>c) The Prestige of the Educational Establishment (PEE) represents the quality and prestige of the applicant's home educational institution, and is assessed using the latest available edition of the QS ranking ⁽¹⁾ for the scientific area of Engineering in question (or <i>Webometrics</i> ⁽²⁾, if the HEI is not included in the QS ranking), converting the HEI's position in the respective ranking (<i>POS_QS</i> or <i>POS_Web</i>) to a scale of 10 to 20 points, rounded to the nearest unit, as follows:</p> <p>i. if the HEI is included in the QS ranking, institutions in the 1st quartile (1stQ) have a PEE equal to 20 points, those in the 2ndQ have 19 points, those in the 3rdQ have 18 points and those in the 4thQ have 17 points;</p> <p>ii. if the HEI is only included in the <i>Webometrics</i> ranking, then the PEE parameter will have a value between 10 and 16, according to the following formula ⁽³⁾:</p> $PEE = \begin{cases} 16 & , POS_Web \leq 1000 \\ \left[20 - \frac{POS_Web}{200} \right] & , 1000 < POS_Web \leq 2000 \\ 10 & , POS_Web > 2000 \end{cases}$ <p>iii. if the HEI is not included in any of the rankings considered above, then: <i>PEE</i> = 10</p>	0,15
<p>d) The Extra-Curricular (EC) component, scored on a scale from 10 to 20 points and rounded down to the nearest tenth, emphasizes the applicant's career perspective and vision. This evaluation considers their professional trajectory, deliberate engagement in training and/or research activities pertinent to their chosen profession, and their proficiency in synthesizing and communicating ideas. The macro-criteria and respective weights to be applied are: professional experience - assess the depth and relevance of the applicant's experience in relation to the field of study (0.05); professional career progression - assess career trajectory and relevant advances or achievements (0.05); alignment of training activities - assess the applicant's participation in training programmes, workshops or seminars, among others, and how these activities contribute to their professional development and align with the requirements of the master's programme (0.05); social performance and motivation more related to the scientific area of the course - involvement in sector associations, leadership roles or initiatives that demonstrate a commitment to the profession (0.05); relevant social initiatives, including volunteering and direct involvement in fundamental causes in the global society (0.05).</p>	0,25
<p>Only applicants with a minimum Final Mark (CF) of 12 points (on a scale of 10 to 20) will be admitted.</p>	
<p>Tie-breaking criterion (may be the classification in some of the elements in the table above)</p>	
<p>In the event of any ties with an impact on the admission (or non-admission) of applicants, the following criteria will be considered sequentially:</p>	
<p>a) Average of the curricular units considered in MC, expressed on a scale of 10 to 20 points rounded to the thousandths, according to the Certificate of the higher education institution listing the curricular units completed (document required in the application).</p>	

- b) Evaluation of the *curricula* submitted by the applicants, according to an evaluation grid similar to the one used to evaluate the Extra-Curricular (EC) component.
- c) Individual interviews* with the group of applicants in question. The macro-criteria and respective weights to be applied are: interests and motivation for the programme (0.20); relevant professional or work experience (how the professional experience contributes to the applicant's preparation for the master's programme) (0.20); communication skills - articulating ideas and thoughts clearly (0.15); critical thinking and problem-solving - assessing the applicant's critical thinking and problem-solving skills - ability to analyse complex issues and develop reasoned arguments (0.20); adaptability and teamwork (0.15); applicant's long-term academic and professional goals - alignment of the master's degree with aspirations and contributions towards professional development (0.10).

* The call for interviews will be made by e-mail to the address given in the application.

Observations

About the Application Average Grade

1. In the case of a holder of a bachelor's degree obtained in Portugal, the value of the Application Average Grade (MC) will be the value of their Final Course Average (rounded to the nearest unit);
2. In the case of a foreign degree holder, the Application Average Grade (MC) will be the value of their Final Course Average, which will then be converted to a scale of 0 to 20 points and rounded to the nearest unit;
3. In the case of a student about to graduate from their bachelor's degree, the value of the Application Average Grade (MC) corresponds to the average in the degree (at the date of application);
4. In the case of applicants who are holders of a curriculum recognised as attesting to their ability to complete the cycle of studies, the value of their Application Average Grade will be assigned by the body that assesses this ability.

About the Graduation Certificate from a higher education programme (bachelor's degree)

1. Graduation certificate from a bachelor's degree, indicating the course average rounded to the nearest unit. If the degree average (including, in the case of a foreign HEI, the grading scale and weighting system) is not provided, the minimum pass mark on the Portuguese scale (10 points) will be considered;
2. Applicants applying as "students about to graduate from a bachelor's degree" must submit a supporting document issued by the HEI indicating their current average or a declaration of honour, according to the model provided, as well as a certificate of curricular units completed with the respective marks and ECTS credits. If they are from a foreign HEI, they must also submit an official declaration issued by the respective HEI stating the grading scale and the respective minimum pass mark. If only part of the documentation is submitted, the minimum pass mark on the Portuguese scale (10 points) will be awarded.

(1) <https://www.topuniversities.com/qs-world-university-rankings>

(2) <http://www.webometrics.info/en>

(3) The cap function, denoted by $[x]$, converts the real number x into the smallest integer greater than or equal to x .