

Goals

Psychology is the science of human mind and behavior, and social interactions. Therefore, professionals other than psychologists may find a background in psychology useful and important for their practice. The cycle of studies leading to the Master's degree in Psychological Themes (MTP) has as its main goal the qualification of professionals with training in diverse areas, so as to enable them to perform their activity with in-depth knowledge and skills in selected topics of psychology.

Learning outcomes

Graduates of this program will have a complete understanding of psychological principles and research methodologies in selected fields.

They will be able to identify key theories and apply them to a wide variety of contemporary challenges.

They will be able to evaluate and use research critically to inform professional practice, and to credibly design, conduct, analyze and present research that will support decisions and strategic development.

They will be able to integrate knowledge from various sources, handle complex issues, develop solutions and make judgments on limited or incomplete information, including reflections on the implications and ethical and social responsibilities that result from those solutions and judgments.

They will be able to use both theory and empirical evidence to advance research goals and solve new problems.

Finally, they will approach creatively their own career development, prepared to life-long learning and to apply their knowledge and skills in new ways responding to an evolving world.

Scientific Committee of the Master degree in Themes of Psychology

Catarina Grande (director)

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José Luís Fernandes

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Monitoring Committee of the Master degree in Themes of Psychology

The monitoring Committee integrates:

- The Director of the Cycle of Studies (Diretor)
- One representative of the faculty members
- Two representatives of the students

The MTP (Master in Psychology Themes) provides students with a background in scientific methods used to describe, predict, understand, and explain human behavior in a number of selected themes. Thematic areas in the 2020-2022 edition:

Neurocognition and Language (Coordinator: Maria de São Luís Castro, slcastro@fpce.up.pt); **Psychology of Deviant Behaviour and Justice** (Coordinator: José Luís Fernandes, jllf@fpce.up.pt); **Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Mental Health** (Coordinator: Cristina Queirós; cqueiros@fpce.up.pt)

Selected Themes (2020-2022 edition)

- **Neurocognition and Language** – is intended for graduates in the areas of Psychology, Life and Health Sciences (e.g., Biology, Pharmacy) and Linguistics who wish to conduct research in one of the topics currently being investigated by our research group at the Center for Psychology at the University of Porto. We study complex cognitive processes, such as language (including dyslexia and written composition), communication, emotion and executive function, from a neurocognitive and translational perspective.

For more information, please see our website at <http://www.fpce.up.pt/labfala/people.html>

- **Psychology of Deviant Behaviour and Justice** – is intended for graduates in the areas of Social and Human Sciences who wish to research deviant behavior addressed in its biopsychosocial complexity. Dissertations are elaborated with focus on one of the following areas: a) comprehensive/explanatory of the drug phenomenon in urban context and sex work; b) interventions oriented to risk reduction and harm minimization; c) policies in the fields of drugs and sex work.
- **Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Mental Health** – The Master in Psychology, domain of Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Mental Health is prepared for professionals having a 1st cycle in: Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Medicine, Nursing, Social Work, Social and Community Intervention Technicians or other areas whose activity implies promoting the effective improvement of the functionality and quality of life of people with experience of mental illness, as well as their social inclusion. This Master aims to provide mental health and rehabilitation professionals with skills (knowledge, abilities and attitudes) adjusted to current reality and knowledge. This teaching of this thematic Master area is performed by both FPCEUP and School of Health –Polytechnic Porto, according the agreement between FPCEUP and ESS-P.Porto. The topics addressed are focused to mental health (including current issues such as depression, stress, trauma and burnout), recovery and rehabilitation care to people with psychosocial disabilities. These topics will be guided by the most current values of this area's knowledge and the principles of a practice based on evidence, covering an extensive and complex knowledge-being, know-knowing and know-how network in the field of psychosocial rehabilitation. The projects to be developed in this Master domain will use quantitative and qualitative methods and will be integrated into ongoing investigations in the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Laboratory and in the Psychosocial Social Support and Rehabilitation Network for People with Mental Illness from the Metropolitan Area of Porto.

Study Plan

Director: Marina Serra de Lemos

Semester	Curricular Units	ECTS
1 st	Methodology and Epistemology of Research in Psychology I	6
	Seminar I	6
	Specific Curricular Unit I	6
	Specific Curricular Unit II	6
	Option I*	6
2 nd	Methodology and Epistemology of Research in Psychology II	6
	Seminar II	6
	Specific Curricular Unit III	6
	Specific Curricular Unit IV	6
	Option II*	6
3 rd	Methodology and Epistemology of Research in Psychology III	6
	Research Seminar	6
	Supervision Seminar	6
3 rd and 4 th	Dissertation	42

Thematic Areas	Specific Curricular Unit I	Specific Curricular Unit II	Specific Curricular Unit III	Specific Curricular Unit IV
Neurocognition and Language	Neuropsychological assessment	Learning Disabilities	Neuropsychology	Neuropsychological Rehabilitation
Psychology of Deviant Behaviour and Justice	Advanced Topics in Deviant Behaviour Psychology	Social Intervention and Harm Reduction	Social System and Deviant Behaviour	Psychology and Justice System
Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Mental Health	Multidisciplinary Advanced Topics in Rehabilitation and Mental Health I	Neurosciences of Mental and Behavioural Disorders	Advanced Topics in Rehabilitation and Mental Health II	Mental Health, Stress and Emotions

*Observation (Option I and Option II):

These are chosen from courses offered at 2nd cycle courses of the FPCEUP or UP. However, for each area there are specifications that are identified in the following information:

- Optional curricular units provided for **Neurocognition and Language**

These are chosen from courses offered at FPCEUP or other UP faculties. The choice is made on an individual basis and under the guidance of the supervisor, according to previous training and planned master's work.

- Optional curricular units for **Psychology of Deviant Behaviour and Justice**

1st Semester	2nd Semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is chosen from courses offered at FPCEUP or other UP faculties. The choice is made on an individual basis and under the guidance of the supervisor, according to previous training and planned master's work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theories of Social Control

- Optional curricular units for **Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Mental Health**

1st Semester	2nd Semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowerment and Social Participation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Technologies in Rehabilitation and Mental Health

Vacancies for the 2020/2021 school year: 35

1st phase: 20

2nd phase: 15 + unfilled vacancies from the previous phase

3rd phase: not applicable

Minimum number of students to start the course: 15

Access requirements:

Article 7 of the regulation of the cycle of studies of the master's degree in Psychology Themes

Criteria for applications reviewing:

Selection criteria: Quality and fit of the CV (additionally an interview may be required by the panel). More specifically the following specific criteria will be valued:

1. Relevance of basic training (academic curriculum) for the Master thematic area (5); 2. Classification (grades) obtained in previous training (4); 3. Additional training during or after graduation (3); 4. Research experience (2); 5. Professional experience and its relation to the thematic area (1); 6. Dissemination of research or professional practices (1); 7. Motivation letter (4).

Application

- Application form (see template)
- Certificate of academic degree(s)
- Motivation letter (see template)
- *Curriculum Vitae* (see template)

Application for National and International students (online):

1st phase:

Application	02/01/2020 - 27/02/2020
Publication of results	18/03/2020
Prior hearing	19/03/2020 - 01/04/2020
Publication final results	02/04/2020
Submission of objections	03/04/2020 - 24/04/2020
Publication of the complaint decision	28/04/2020
Students registration	03/04/2020 - 15/04/2020
Requests for credit for previous training /professional experience	03/04/2020 - 15/04/2020

2nd phase:

Application	28/02/2020 - 04/05/2020
Publication of results	18/05/2020
Prior hearing	19/05/2020 - 01/06/2020
Publication final results	02/06/2020
Submission of objections	03/06/2020 – 25/06/2020
Publication of the complaint decision	29/06/2020
Students registration	03/06/2020 - 15/06/2020
Requests for credit for previous training /professional experience	03/06/2020 - 15/06/2020

3rd phase (not applicable):

Application fee for National and International students: 55,00€

Information to applicants on the results:

- 1) Provisional results are disclosed on the FPCEUP website on "[applications](#)" in the "application results" section.
- 2) Final results are published/disseminated by notification, emailed directly to each applicant.

Beginning of the school year: September de 2020

Annual tuition

Annual tuition for International Students

Full time international students	3 500,00 €
Full time international CPLP students*	1 750,00 €

* Upon request for a reduction of 50% of the tuition fee to the Director of FPCEUP

Annual tuition for National Students

Full time national students	1 250,00 €
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According to the University of Porto General Council Meeting on June 12, 2019, part-time tuition fees take into account the number of ECTS students are enrolled in. For more information, please consult the Academic Service.

Schedule: Diurnal and after working hours

The classes of thematic areas that work in conjunction with the Integrated Psychology Master's (MIP) adopt the MIP schedules (with the exception of the CU Methodology an Epistemology of Research in Psychology I and II, which work in conjunction with the other thematic areas of the MTP).

Consult the following legislation:

- [Regulamento do 2º Ciclo da Universidade do Porto](#)
- [Regulamento do 2º Ciclo em Temas de Psicologia](#)
- [Regulamento das Propinas de Cursos de Pós-Graduação da FPCEUP](#)
- [Regime de estudante a tempo parcial da UPorto](#)

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