



# Universidade de Évora

## Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Mestrado em Ensino de Biologia e Geologia no 3º Ciclo do Ensino Básico e no Ensino Secundário (Teaching Biology and Geology in the 3rd Cycle of Basic Education and in Secondary Education)  
Academic Year 2024/2025

### 1. The program is promoted by

Universidade de Évora - Escola de Ciências Sociais

### 2. Course Committee

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### 3. Program description

The master's degree in teaching Biology and Geology in the 3rd cycle of basic education and secondary education is a course in the area of teacher training in specific subject areas, providing professional qualifications for teaching in recruitment group 520 (Biology and Geology). It has 120 credits in ECTS, equivalent to 3120 hours of training, lasting 2 years. The curricular structure includes four areas of training: teaching area (Biology and Geology), specific didactics, general educational area and initiation into educational practice, which take the form of several curricular units to be taught over four semesters, on a working basis. Supervised Teaching Practice (STP) takes place in primary and secondary schools that have protocols with the University of Évora, providing the student with real contact with teaching practice. The STP is the subject of a report, of an investigative nature, subject to approval in public tests. This master's degree offers solid training designed to deal with current curricular challenges in the areas of Biology and Geology, taking advantage of digital technologies.

### 4. Career opportunities

Graduates with a master's degree in teaching Biology and Geology in the 3rd cycle of basic education and secondary education receive professional qualifications for teaching in recruitment group 520 (Biology and Geology), an essential condition for carrying out teaching activities, under the terms of the Legal Regime of Professional Qualification for Teaching in Pre-school Education and Basic and Secondary Education, approved by Decree-Law No. 79/2014, of May 14, as amended.

## 5. Number of registration at DGES

R/A-Cr 77/2023

## 6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

NCE/22/2200587

## 7. General conditions of access and admission

### i Legal conditions for access to the cycle of studies leading to the master degree

Those who meet the following conditions may apply to the cycle of studies that leads to the master degree:

- Holders of the bachelor degree or legal equivalent;
- Holders of a foreign academic degree dully recognised as satisfying the objectives identical to the bachelor degree by the relevant scientific body of the higher education institution they wish to be admitted to;
- Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum vitae that is recognized as attesting to the capacity to carry out this cycle of studies by the relevant scientific body of the higher education institution they wish to be admitted to.

### ii Conditions of access to the cycle of studies at the Universidade de Évora

On the application date, the undergraduate students must satisfy conditions that guarantee the conclusion of their undergraduate degree until the 30th of October of the admission year. The admission and enrollment of these students is conditioned on the conclusion of the degree until this date, and the enrollment is canceled if the student does not complete the degree within that period

During the first application phase, students who have a maximum of 6 curricular units or 36 ECTS missing for conclusion of their degree can apply for the 2nd cycle; in the 2nd application phase students can apply if they have at most 3 curricular units missing and in the 3rd application phase if they have at most one curricular unit missing

The previous condition does not apply to students with a curriculum that reveals professional or scientific experience, which can be recognized by the competent scientific body, as attesting the students ability to carry out the masters degree/post-graduation, provided that the student required that recognition in the application process

### iii Specific admission conditions

The specific conditions for entering this study cycle are regulated by nos. 3 to 5 of art. 18 of the Legal Regime for Professional Qualification for Teaching in Pre-School Education and Basic and Secondary Education, approved by Decree-Law no. 79/2014, of 14 May, as amended.

A general admission condition is oral and written command of the Portuguese language and mastery of the essential rules of logical and critical argumentation, in accordance with the legislation in force for this purpose. This condition will be certified by combining a written Portuguese language test with an interview. In both cases, the candidate must obtain approval. The written test and interview are mandatory for everyone, regardless of their previous training or professional situation. The application can also be made by presenting a certificate of approval, issued by another higher education institution, in which the candidate has taken tests for this same purpose, considering the conditions set out in the legislation in force for this purpose. The written test and interview to assess Portuguese language proficiency will take place on April 2nd (1st phase), July 5th (2nd phase) and September 6th (3rd phase) at a location and time to be announced.

In the application documents, it is necessary to present a certificate of qualifications detailing

the credits of each course unit, so that the minimum training credits set for entry to the course can be verified, as determined by the Legal Regime of Professional Qualification for Teaching in Pre-school Education and in Basic and Secondary Education (DL 79/2014 of 14 May, in its current version).

## **8. Selection Process**

- Academic Qualifications: 70%
  - Level of qualifications: 25%
  - Average grade in the highest qualification: 40%
  - Area of qualifications: 35%
- Curriculum Analysis: 30%
  - Teaching experience in primary and secondary education: 25%
  - Training in transversal competences: 15%
  - Scientific and technical activities and publications: 15%
  - Professional Training in the area of the program or related fields: 25%
  - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 20%

## **9. Maximum number of admissions**

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 14
- Maximum number of admissions for candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 1

Depending on the number of applications, there may be transfer of vacancies from the international students applications to the European Union students applications or vice-versa.

## **10. Minimum number of students**

Minimum number of students: 8

## **11. Tuition fee**

- Candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 697,00 €
- Candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 2 500,00 €
  - Annual Tuition fee for international students with merit scholarship: 1 050,00 €
  - Annual Tuition fee for international students with cooperation and development scholarship: 1 250,00 €

In the admission year, all students with international student status who have an undergraduate average of 15 or above (on a 0-20 scale) benefit from the international student merit scholarship tuition fee and all students from PALOP countries benefit from the tuition fee for international students with cooperation and development scholarship.

In the following years, to keep the merit or cooperation and development scholarship, the student has to meet the conditions stipulated in article 22 of the Academic Regulations of the University of Évora and the results are published until October 31 of each academic year, without the need to apply for the scholarship.

## **12. Organization / Duration**

- a. **Duration of the program:** 4 semesters
- b. **Number of ECTS to obtain the degree:** 120
- c. **Number of ECTS to obtain the master's course (conclusion of the curricular part):** 120

## **13. Language(s) of teaching**

- Portuguese

## **14. Learning Type**

Presencial

## **15. Schedule type**

Labor

## **16. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)**

Monday to Friday.

## **17. Program starting date**

September de 2024

March 5, 2024  
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar