



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Curso de formação em Cogumelos silvestres comestíveis:
Sistemática e importância ecológica (Edible wild mushrooms: Systematic and
ecological importance)
Academic Year 2025/2026

1. The program is promoted by

Universidade de Évora - Escola de Ciências e Tecnologia

2. Coordenador(a)

Celeste Maria Martins Santos e Silva (css@uevora.pt)

3. Program description

Portugal holds a high mycological diversity; however the mycological population literacy is low. In order to fill this lack of knowledge, the course "Edible wild mushrooms" was created to educate and inform about the biology of fungi that produce wild mushrooms, which provide numerous ecosystem services and are essential for the health and prosperity of various habitats. It is intended that course recipients awake to the Kingdom of Fungi and widely apply and disseminate this knowledge. The study of mycology, far beyond scientific, environmental, economic and social interest, plus the important applications in the medicine and cosmetics areas, is unique in terms of examples of solidarity and cooperation between species from different Kingdoms.

4. Objectives

To identify the main species of edible wild mushrooms, distinguishing them from toxic congeners, and understand the properties of these species, plus, identify the harvesting and mycological resources management good practices. Specifically: 1) Acquire basic notions of mycology, in particular about the life cycle and the trophic guilds of mushroom-producing fungi; 2) Identify the main edible wild mushroom species with commercial interest, distinguishing them from non-edible and toxic species; 3) Know the preferred habitat and seasonality of edible wild mushroom species and their non-edible and toxic congeners; 4) Know how to harvest and handle wild mushrooms, in accordance with harvesting and packaging good practices; 5) Know how to record the harvest and productivity of edible wild mushroom species; 6) Acquire notions about the mycological resources management in forest stands.

5. General conditions of access and admission

i General conditions

Be over 18 years old and resident permit. If you do not have Portuguese nationality, you must have a residence permit and tax payer number .

ii Specific admission conditions

Graduates in the area of Exact, Natural and related Sciences, Graduates in other areas of knowledge who wish to increase their knowledge in the area of Mycology, people with no higher education but with experience in managing forestry and agro-forestry systems (owners, forestry associations, organizations non-governmental, etc.).

iii Necessary documentation

- a) identification document;
- b) document proving the IBAN of the bank account held by the candidate, in which the name of the holder is mentioned;
- c) proof of residence permit, in the case of foreign students;
- d) document with tax identification number, in the case of foreign students;

6. Selection Process

Date of application submission.

7. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions: 20

8. Minimum number of students

Minimum number of students: 15

9. Tuition fee

- Tuition fee: 150,00 €

This course is covered by the PRR's Adult Impulse. Students can receive two prizes: the participation prize, equal in value to the course fee, and the completion prize ([according to Regulation](#)), to be paid into a bank account held by the student.

10. ECTS

- Number of ECTS of the program: 3

11. Horas de Contacto

- Total de horas de contacto: 30

12. Learning Type

Presential

13. Schedule type

Mixed

14. Classes location

Évora, Évora

15. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Friday and Saturday, 9-18h

16. Program Dates

- Program Start Date: October 31, 2025
- Program End Date: November 15, 2025

17. Application Dates

- Applications Start Date: September 29, 2025
- Applications End Date: October 19, 2025
- Announcement of Results (until): October 24, 2025
- Enrollments Start Date: October 24, 2025
- Enrollments End Date: October 27, 2025

September 26, 2025

The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar