



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Curso de formação em Antropologia forense (Forensic anthropology)
Academic Year 2025/2026

1. The program is promoted by

Universidade de Évora - Escola de Ciências e Tecnologia

2. Coordenador(a)

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3. Program description

Ready to discover how human bones can tell stories? The Forensic Anthropology course is the gateway to a fascinating world where scientific evidence intersects with criminal investigation and human rights. In this course, participants learn how biological anthropology is applied in medico-legal and humanitarian contexts, exploring the crucial role that human remains play in solving forensic cases. Open to individuals from all academic backgrounds, the course requires no prior experience — just curiosity and a willingness to learn.

4. Objectives

This course will provide students with fundamental knowledge on the application of biological anthropology within the field of forensic science, with an emphasis on its relevance in medico-legal and humanitarian contexts.

The aim is for students to acquire basic knowledge of human skeletal biology and to understand its application in the following areas: 1) estimation of the biological profile; 2) estimation of the post-mortem interval; 3) interpretation of taphonomic changes and bony lesions and their significance in the forensic identification process; 4) analysis of traumatic injuries and the circumstances of death. Upon completing the course, students should demonstrate the following skills: a) understand the historical development of forensic anthropology and its current theoretical and disciplinary framework; b) identify the various areas of intervention of forensic anthropologists; c) apply appropriate protocols and methods during the detection, recovery, identification, laboratory analysis, and curation of human bones from forensic contexts; d) understand the main ethical issues arising from the study of human skeletal remains.

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

Individuals from any field of study who hold academic qualifications equivalent to or higher than the 12th year of schooling , with proven knowledge in Biological Anthropology. Applicants must submit document(s) proving their prior academic education and/or the completion of curricular unit(s) in the field of Biological Anthropology. Alternatively, proof of relevant and duly documented experience in this area may be accepted.

iii Required academic qualifications

Secondary education (12th year of complete education) or equivalent

iv Necessary documentation

- a) identification document;
- b) document(s) proving the qualifications required in the Announcement for access to the course;
- c) document proving the IBAN of the bank account held by the candidate, in which the name of the holder is mentioned;
- d) proof of residence permit, in the case of foreign students;
- e) 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: 25

8. Minimum number of students

Minimum number of students: 10

9. Tuition fee

- Tuition fee: 150,00 €

This course is covered by the PRR's Young Impulse. Students may be eligible for the Microyoung Participation Support and the Microyoung Completion Award ([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: 32

12. Learning Type

Presential

13. Schedule type

After-work

14. Classes location

Universidade de Évora, Colégio Luis António Verney, Rua Romão Ramalho, nº59, 7000-671, Évora (room to be designated)

15. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Wednesdays, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

16. Program Dates

- Program Start Date: March 4, 2026
- Program End Date: May 13, 2026

17. Application Dates

- Applications Start Date: January 9, 2026
- Applications End Date: February 10, 2026
- Announcement of Results (until): February 19, 2026
- Enrollments Start Date: February 19, 2026
- Enrollments End Date: February 24, 2026

January 8, 2026

The Rector

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