



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Mestrado em Biologia da Conservação (Conservation Biology)
Academic Year 2026/2027

1. The program is promoted by

Universidade de Évora - Escola de Ciências e Tecnologia

2. Course Committee

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3. Program description

The MSc in Conservation Biology (MBC-UÉ) prepares professionals with advanced and integrated technical-scientific knowledge of relevant issues in the management and conservation of biological resources.

MBC-UÉ usually has filled its vacancies at one rate over 90% (21 editions), while the success rate (number of students who obtain the degree / number of students who intended to obtain it) was around 80%. In addition, MBC-UÉ offers the possibility of participating in Erasmus+ mobility programmes.

The MBC-UÉ has contributed to the training of students from various European countries, South America, Africa and Asia, and its internationalisation has been increasing steadily.

4. Career opportunities

Environmental consultancy in the area of nature conservation for local authorities, municipal associations; technical support offices; environmental impact study companies; non-governmental organisations; theme parks; forestry, agricultural and hunting associations or companies; senior technicians in Ecology and Environment for central and regional administrations; Protected Areas offices; technical offices for companies; tourism and nature activities; local development associations; applied or fundamental scientific research in research centres, associated and public laboratories.

It should also be remembered that the MBC-UÉ is recognised, for the purposes of article 54 of the Teaching Career Statute (DL no. 270/2009 of 30 September), regulated by Ministerial Order no. 344/2008 of 30 April, for recruitment group 520 of the 3rd cycle of basic education and secondary education.

5. Number of registration at DGES

R/A-Ef 1715/2011/AL03

6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

ACEF/2021/0405897

7. Program Creation Norm

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8. 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

Training areas of the candidates (1st cycle):

Course areas - Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences and Ecology; Management of Biological/Nature Resources

Related areas - Biology and Geology teaching; Agronomy, Forestry Sciences; Zootechnics; Veterinary Medicine; Veterinary Nursing ;

Other areas - Geography; Biochemistry; Landscape and Planning Sciences; .

9. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 80%
 - Area of qualifications: 40%
 - Level of qualifications: 20%
 - Average grade in the highest qualification: 40%
- Curriculum Analysis: 20%
 - Scientific and technical activities and publications: 80%
 - Volunteering: 20%

10. 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: 2

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.

11. Minimum number of students

Minimum number of students: 8

12. Tuition fee

- Candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 1 200,00 €
- Candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 2 500,00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with merit scholarship: 1 200,00 €
 - Annual Tuition fee for international students with cooperation and development scholarship: 1 400,00 €

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.

13. 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):** 60

14. Language(s) of teaching

- Portuguese

Although classes are taught in Portuguese, tutorial support is available in English or another language, or materials are provided in English when there are students whose mother tongue is not Portuguese.

15. Learning Type

Presential

16. Schedule type

Mixed

17. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Module-based classes – Fridays and Saturdays, some Thursdays, from 9am to 6pm.

18. Program starting date

September de 2026

February 12, 2026
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar