



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Mestrado em Turismo e Desenvolvimento de Destinos
(Tourism and Development of Destinations)
Academic Year 2026/2027

1. The program is promoted by

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3. Program description

The University of Évora is recognized for the quality of its research, graduate courses, organization of scientific conferences and applied projects in the area of Tourism. This recognition and work developed allows master's students to receive consistent theoretical and empirical training, based on new paradigms of thinking in Tourism from a perspective of Sustainable Development of Destinations.

The Master's degree also guarantees the transmission of knowledge in terms of theories, research methods and a set of specialized analytical instruments that contribute to improving students' skills and abilities to work in an extremely complex, dynamic and constantly changing sector. This learning philosophy promotes the development of self-employment so that students can follow their specialization paths in accordance with their professional aspirations and employment opportunities.

The master's study plan, although complementary to the 1st cycle plan, highlights the role of cultural, social, environmental and economic impacts in the development of Sustainable Tourism, in accordance with the guidelines of specific institutional documents for the national, regional and local sector. Therefore, this Master's degree offers complementary training to students coming from Social Sciences and Humanities and Natural and Environmental Sciences.

4. Career opportunities

Public, private, and third-sector organisations involved in the planning, development, and management of tourism. In particular, professional associations; third-sector organisations; specialised consultants;

lecturers/trainers in Tourism and Hospitality education; managers in companies dedicated to R&D of tourism products; managers of companies specialising in Sustainable Tourism and specific areas such as Cultural Tourism, Urban Tourism, Rural Tourism, and Nature Tourism; Wine Tourism enterprises.

Professionals working in tourism, leisure, and recreation companies (Travel Agencies/Tour Operators/Transport Companies/Accommodation); professionals in public tourism bodies (Ministries/Regional Tourism Boards/Tourism Institutes/Tourism Observatories/Municipal Tourism Departments); professionals in public and private organisations related to cultural, recreational, and leisure activities, as well as the organisation and management of events and tourist entertainment activities.

5. Number of registration at DGES

R/A-Cr 183/2015/AL02

6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

ACEF/2324/1401816

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 fully 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 Master's in Tourism and Destination Development is intended, preferably, for graduates in Tourism or courses in the area of social sciences and humanities from Portuguese or foreign universities. Preference is given to holders of a bachelor's degree or legal equivalent with a classification equal to or greater than 14. Holders of a Master's degree, in the fields of Social Sciences, or legal equivalent of qualifications with a minimum classification of 14.

8. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 50%
 - Area of qualifications: 40%
 - Level of qualifications: 30%
 - Average grade in the highest qualification: 30%
- Curriculum Analysis: 25%
 - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 40%
 - Professional Training in the area of the program or related fields: 20%
 - Participation in research projects: 10%
 - Participation in conferences and similar activities: 10%
 - Training in transversal competences: 10%
 - Volunteering: 10%
- Interview: 25%
 - Understanding of Program Objectives: 30%
 - Ability to communicate: 25%
 - Ability to understand: 25%
 - Motivation and commitment: 10%
 - Availability: 10%

The interview will be conducted either in person or remotely. Failure of the candidate to attend the interview will result in their exclusion from the Master's degree application process.

Candidates must submit a detailed CV, accompanied by all certificates and documentary evidence of qualifications or other competences they claim to hold. Failure to present such supporting documents will result in these elements not being considered under the corresponding curricular assessment criteria.

9. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 16
- Maximum number of admissions for candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 4

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: 1 050,00 €
- 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):** 66

13. Language(s) of teaching

- Portuguese

The course is taught in Portuguese; however, some course units may offer tutorial support in English.

14. Learning Type

Presential

15. Schedule type

Labor

16. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Classes will be scheduled on 2 days per week, between 08:00 and 18:00.

17. Program starting date

September de 2026

February 12, 2026
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar