



Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Pós-Graduação em Solo e água: Bases para a sustentabilidade dos serviços dos ecossistemas (Soil and water: Bases for the sustainability of ecosystem services)
Academic Year 2026/2027

1. The program is promoted by

Universidade de Évora - Escola de Ciências e Tecnologia

2. Course Committee

Carlos Alberto de Jesus Alexandre (cal@uevora.pt)
Diogo André Pinho da Costa (diogo.costa@uevora.pt)
José Alexandre Varanda Andrade (zalex@uevora.pt)

3. Program description

Soil and water are vital natural resources for multiple ecosystem services - the benefits that societies derive from the environment and nature. It is common to divide these services into provisioning services (production of food, fiber, bioenergy, water, etc.), regulating and supporting services (carbon cycling and climate change mitigation, water and nutrient cycling, biodiversity conservation, etc.) and cultural services (preservation of natural and cultural heritage, tourism, etc.). The growing demand for some of these services, especially those that involve the production of easily monetizable goods (e.g. biomass), tends to lead to pressures that can lead to overexploitation for one service to the detriment of others, which can generate disservices or losses for societies (e.g. soil degradation and water waste). Sustainable development requires management approaches capable of integrating all the services provided by ecosystems subject to different degrees of human intervention: from nature reserves to urban areas, including forestry production systems, agro-sylvo-pastoral systems and agrosystems of greater or lesser intensification. This course proposes a project-based learning approach, applied to the study of relevant cases, aiming to enable students to analyze and evaluate integrated soil and water management practices, in different types of land use and production systems, as well as to develop sustainable management proposals for these resources and the production systems they support.

4. Career opportunities

Anyone interested in topics related to the sustainable use of soil and water, with at least a bachelor's degree, namely farmers, forestry producers, agricultural and/or forestry managers, land managers, senior technicians from companies working in the agricultural and forestry fields, senior technicians from local, regional, and central administrations, and the general public.

5. General conditions of access and admission

i Conditions for access to the post-graduate program

Those who meet the following conditions may apply to the post-graduate program:

- 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 post-graduate program at 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

Graduates in agronomy, biology, geography, geology, chemistry, biochemistry, biology-geology teaching, engineering degrees in agronomy, forestry, environmental, and related areas. Graduates from other scientific areas are welcome provided they have proven professional experience in the management of agricultural and/or forestry areas, or in environmental management in rural areas. Candidates with prior training in the areas of soils, pedology, hydrogeology, hydrology or related areas will be valued.

6. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 30%
 - Area of qualifications: 25%
 - Level of qualifications: 25%
 - Average grade in the highest qualification: 25%
 - Training in Mathematics: 25%
- Curriculum Analysis: 30%

- Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 50%
- Scientific and technical activities and publications: 50%
- Interview: 40%
 - Specific vocational aptitude: 25%
 - Motivation and commitment: 25%
 - Ability to understand: 25%
 - Knowledge of English: 25%

7. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions: 20

8. Minimum number of students

Minimum number of students: 6

9. Tuition fee

- Tuition fee: 500,00 €

10. Organization / Duration

- a. **Duration of the program:** 1 semesters
- b. **Number of ECTS to obtain the degree:** 12

11. Language(s) of teaching

- English
- Portuguese

12. Learning Type

b-Learning

13. Schedule type

Mixed

14. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Thursday afternoon and/or Friday afternoon.

15. Program Dates

- Program Start Date: February 1, 2027
- Program End Date: May 21, 2027

16. Application Dates

- Applications Start Date: September 15, 2026
- Applications End Date: September 30, 2026
- Announcement of Results (until): October 16, 2026
- Enrollments Start Date: November 2, 2026
- Enrollments End Date: November 30, 2026

April 7, 2026
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar