Universidade de Évora

Open call rules

Applications for Admission: Mestrado em Olivicultura e Azeite (Olive Cultivation and Olive oil)
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

This master's program aims to train professionals with a technical and scientific profile suited to the ever-increasing demand for specialists in olive growing and olive oil, in order to meet the needs of a sector characterized by strong growth, dynamism, and a high adoption of cutting-edge technology. The curriculum is designed to ensure a consolidation of knowledge on sustainable olive grove production systems, cultivation techniques, genetic resources and breeding, phytosanitary protection, processing technology, olive oil quality, and marketing and sales. The teaching/learning methodologies promote the development of autonomous work, whether individually or in groups, stimulating students' oral and written communication skills, while direct contact with R&D activities, especially those developed at the Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development (MED-University of Évora), enhances their research abilities. The integration of the University of Évora into the country's main olive-producing region and the partnerships developed with leading companies in the sector create the right conditions for quality training, focused on the realities of the sector, benefiting from the most innovative scientific and technological foundations.
The Master's degree in Olive Growing and Olive Oil benefits from the agreement of a Memorandum of Understanding established between the University of Évora and the International Olive Council (IOC), with the aim of promoting academic collaboration, research and development in the field of olive growing and olive oil production.

4. Career opportunities

Olive oil companies - Olive production technicians
Olive growers' associations and cooperatives
Certification and quality control companies
Public or private analytical laboratories
Olive oil marketing and sales companies
Research and development

5. Number of registration at DGES

R/A-Ef 1731/2011/AL03

6. Number of accreditation process by A3ES

ACEF/2021/0405997

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 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**

Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Agronomy, Animal Science, Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Food Technology.
Candidates with other types of educational backgrounds may be admitted to the competition provided that their CV is recognized by the Scientific Council as demonstrating their ability to undertake the course.

8. Selection Process

- Academic Qualifications: 60%
  - Area of qualifications: 70%
  - Level of qualifications: 30%
- Curriculum Analisys: 40%
  - Professional Experience in the area of the program or related fields: 30%
  - Scientific and technical activities and publications: 10%
  - Teaching experince in training programs in the area of the program: 30%
  - Professional Training in the area of the program or related fields: 30%

9. Maximum number of admissions

- Maximum number of admissions for candidates with nationality of European Union countries: 19
- Maximum number of admissions for candidates without nationality of European Union countries: 1

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

14. Learning Type

Presential

15. Schedule type

Labor

16. Classes schedule (week days and schedule)

Wednesday - afternoon; Thursday - all day; Friday - all day;

17. Program starting date

September de 2026

April 29, 2026
The Rector

Hermínia Vasconcelos Vilar