



**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPLICATIONS no. 07/2025**

**Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing**

**- Lisbon -**

**Academic year 2026/2027**

**1<sup>st</sup> Cycle**

**Bachelor's Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience**

**– International Students –**

The Bachelor's Degree in Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience is offered in accordance with Decree-Law no. 74/2006 of March 24<sup>th</sup>, as amended by Decree-Law no. 63/2016 of September 13<sup>th</sup>, Decree-Law no. 65/2018 of August 16<sup>th</sup>, and Decree-Law no. 27/2021 of April 16<sup>th</sup>.

In accordance with Order NR/R/0208/2023, published in the Diário da República through Notice no. 19963/2023 of October 17<sup>th</sup>, which approves the Regulations for Access to the Undergraduate and Integrated Master Study Cycles of Universidade Católica Portuguesa, and with Order NR/R/0105/2019, which approves the Regulations for the Application of the International Student Statute, the opening of applications for the Bachelor's Degree in Systems and Cognitive Neurosciences at the Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing (FCSE) is hereby announced, under the International Student Access Regime.

This study cycle is accredited by Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education (A3ES), with the process NCE/24/2400158 and registration number in DGES R/A-CR 67/2025.

**1. Conditions for eligibility of applicants**

Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements defined in the Regulations for the Application of the International Student Statute of Universidade Católica Portuguesa may apply for the Bachelor's Degree in Systems and Cognitive Neurosciences.

An international applicant is considered to be one who cumulatively fulfills the following conditions:

- a) Does not hold a Portuguese citizenship or citizenship of a European Union (EU) country;
- b) Does not have family members with Portuguese citizenship or citizenship of an EU country. Family members are considered to be those who, under the terms of point e) of Article 2 of Law No. 37/2006, of August 9<sup>th</sup>: "e) "Family members": i) The spouse of an EU citizen; ii) The partner with whom an EU citizen lives in a stable union, established by law, or with whom they maintain a permanent relationship duly certified by the competent authority of the Member State where they reside; iii) The direct descendant under 21 years of age or dependent on an EU citizen, as well as that of the spouse or partner within the meaning of the preceding



- paragraph; iv) The direct ascendant dependent on an EU citizen, as well as that of the spouse or partner within the meaning of point ii)”.  
c) Does not have legally resided in Portugal for more than 2 uninterruptedly years on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they intend to enter higher education (the applicant, their spouse, or one of the parents with whom they legally reside). The time of residence with a residence permit for studies is not relevant for this purpose;  
d) Does not be a beneficiary, on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which they intend to enter higher education, of a status of equality of rights and duties granted by an international treaty concluded between the Portuguese State and the State of which they are a national.

## **2. Conditions for admission of applicants**

To be evaluated, your application must meet the following requirements:

- Have completed a foreign higher education qualification obtained abroad and legally recognized as equivalent to a Portuguese higher education degree;
- Have completed final exams in secondary school subjects taken abroad, equivalent to the Portuguese subjects, which may be accepted as entrance exams;
- Have a certificate of minimum English proficiency at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), obtained through the following exams:
  - . Cambridge English Exams - Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) or Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE);
  - . International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic;
  - . Test of English as a Foreign Language, Internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT);
  - . Aptis ESOL Advanced - British Council;
  - . English proficiency test taken at Católica Languages & Translation;
  - . Applicants who can prove that English is their mother tongue or that they completed secondary education exclusively in English.

### **Applicants currently enrolled in higher education:**

- International students who are already enrolled in higher education in a foreign country or who hold a higher education degree may also apply.

### **Brazilian candidates:**

- Must have completed high school;
- Must have taken the ENEM (entrance exam: Natural Sciences and their Technologies: 50% and Mathematics and their Technologies: 50%, with a minimum score equal to or greater than 475 points);
- Must have completed an education that grants them access to higher education in their country of origin or that is equivalent to Portuguese high school.



Bachelor's Degree	Required Entrance Exams and Minimum Score <sup>1</sup> , 2	Minimum Grade
Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience	(02) Biology and Geology + (07) Physics and Chemistry, or (02) Biology and Geology + (16) Mathematics	95

<sup>1</sup> In compliance with Article 20, paragraph 3, and Article 34 of Decree-Law No. 64-A/2023, of July 31<sup>st</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Weight of Entrance Exams: 25% (02) Biology and Geology + 25% (18) Biology and Geology + 25% (16) Mathematics, or 25% (02) Biology and Geology + 25% (07) Physics and Chemistry

### 3. Number of Vacancies

There are **3** available vacancies for international students.

### 4. Deadlines

Phases	Applications	Internal In-person Exams (Mathematics; Physics and Chemistry; Biology)	Results	Enrollment	Start of Classes
1 <sup>st</sup>	January 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	February 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	February 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	February 16 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	September 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
2 <sup>nd</sup> *	February 18 <sup>th</sup> to June 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026	July 1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	
3 <sup>rd</sup> *	July 8 <sup>th</sup> to August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026	(For students with homologous exams only)	September 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	September 7 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	

\* Places available for the 2nd and following phases depend on the number of places remaining at the end of the previous phase(s). The last day of application and enrollment coincides with the deadline for payment of the corresponding fees.

### 5. Necessary documentation

The necessary documentation is as follows:

- Identification document – Passport or Citizen Card or, in the case of other types of identification, the Tax Identification Number must also be provided;
- Passport-type photo;
- A sworn statement that the applicant is eligible as an "international student";
- Certificate of minimum English proficiency at the C1 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR);
- Certificate/Diploma of completion of foreign High School, with subjects, respective grades and overall average (all years of High School);
- Declaration issued by the High School institution attended, stating the number of years attended and confirming that the qualification obtained grants access to local Higher Education;
- Declaration issued by the High School institution attended, regarding the final grading scale used, mentioning the minimum and maximum grades for approval;



- . Exam results, related to the previously mentioned diploma, but not included in it, if used as entrance exams;
- . When an entrance exam from a country that does not have equivalence established by Portuguese legislation is presented, the syllabus for the subject in question must also be submitted, along with an official document from the education authorities in that country confirming that the exam is legally recognized, specifying the grading scale for the exam, and indicating the minimum and maximum passing grades;
- . A statement from the high school confirmed that there are no national entrance exams for higher education in that country.

**Notes:**

- Original documents/certificates are not required during the application; however, it is mandatory to present face-to-face all original documents submitted in the application process.
- Original documents issued abroad, in accordance with the legislation of the respective country, and documents issued outside Portugal legalized by a foreign civil servant, are considered legalized under Portuguese Law if the signature of the public servant is certified by a Portuguese diplomatic agent or consular officer in the respective State and the signature of that agent is authenticated with the respective consular seal. In cases of documents issued by signatories of the Hague Convention of 5th October 1961, the documents will be legalized by apostille, under the terms of Article 3 of the Convention.
- If the documentation to be submitted is in a language other than English, it is imperative that a translation is provided in accordance with the notarial legislation.

## **6. Submission of the application**

Applications must be submitted through an [online platform](#). Upon submission, the applicant will receive payment information (ATM reference for applicants residing in Portugal). Applicants without a bank account in Portugal must send an email, indicating their full name and access number, to [tesouraria.sede@ucp.pt](mailto:tesouraria.sede@ucp.pt), requesting information for the bank transfer. Registration will only be completed after payment confirmation.

Applications without associated payment will not be evaluated.

## **7. Assessment of applications and publication of results**

The selection and ranking of applicants will be carried out by the "Admissions Committee" which is composed by Prof. Dr. Filipa Delgado Neiva Correia Ribeiro, Prof. Dr. João Miguel Santos Pereira and Prof. Dr. Rita Canaipa.

The first phase of applications for international candidates will be exclusively for those who have completed high school. If a second and/or third phase occurs, due to insufficient places for candidates with completed high school education, applications from students with a bachelor's degree or higher education qualification not recognized in Portugal may be accepted, considering the year of completion and the final grade of the course taken.

The approval decision implies the assignment of a final grade, expressed on a scale of 0 to 200, resulting from the sum of the grades assigned to each of the components, after weighting.



Criterion (expressed on a scale from 0 to 200)	Weighting
High School Classification*	50.0%
Ranking* obtained in mandatory university entrance exams.	50.0%

\* Grades obtained in foreign courses will be converted to the Portuguese scale, in accordance with applicable legislation.

The Admissions Committee may, if deemed necessary, request an interview, on a date and at a location to be determined, as a supplementary requirement. The interview with the candidate aims to understand their motivations for participating in the course, evaluate their professional experience, and clarify aspects of their resume. The invitation to the interview will be sent by email. In case of non-confirmation of attendance by the candidate, or non-attendance, the registration will be considered incomplete, without possibility of appeal.

The results will be communicated to the candidates by email, as follows: Approved/Not Approved/Rejected

## 8. Operation

- The Bachelor's degree in Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience lasts 3 years (180 ECTS credits) and is taught in person, during the day.
- Classes generally take place from Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Enrolling in the Bachelor's degree in Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience involves classrooms and extracurricular activities, where specific software is actively used. Therefore, all students are expected to have a laptop computer to fully participate in all learning activities.
- The program is taught in English.

## 9. Tuition fees, payments and other fees

The amounts for tuition fees, payments and other fees are determined annually, and published in a separate document ([Table of Tuition and Fees](#)), so these values may be subject to change in subsequent academic years.

Fees	
Application	€ 175,00*
Enrollment (including school insurance and card)	€ 455,00*
Tuition Fees (€/ECTS/month – €24,00*)	
1 <sup>st</sup> year - 2 semesters – 10 payments (30 ECTS/semester)	€ 720/monthly*

\* Reference values for the 2025/2026 academic year. These values may change for the 2026/2027 academic year.

## 10. Registration

- Registration information will be sent by email to admitted candidates after the publication of the results. To enroll, candidates must make the payment for the enrollment fee and the first monthly installment, in addition to filling out the online registration form.



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- If the applicant does not register within the established deadline, their application will be considered to be withdrawn.
- The original documents submitted during the application process must be presented by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, under penalty of cancellation of the enrollment, and without any refund of for payments made until that date. The submitted documents must be originals or authenticated copies. For archival purposes, the Academic Services may make a copy of the original document, which will be returned to the student with no additional costs.

## 11. Other Information

At Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing, it is anticipated that there will be a yearly allocation of scholarships covering the entirety of the annual tuition fees, as well as a yearly allocation of merit awards. The conditions of these scholarships and awards will be published on the Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing website. For more information, Students can contact the UCP Social Responsibility Office.

## 12. Contacts

Email address	Contacts
Admissions: <a href="mailto:saude.sede@ucp.pt">saude.sede@ucp.pt</a>	Admissions office: (+351) 21 721 41 47
Treasury office: <a href="mailto:tesouraria.sede@ucp.pt">tesouraria.sede@ucp.pt</a>	Treasury office: (+351) 21 721 40 79

Office hours (by appointment, scheduled by e-mail: [saude.sede@ucp.pt](mailto:saude.sede@ucp.pt)):

- Monday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### Location:

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