



PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPLICATIONS no. 01/2026

Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing

- Lisbon -

Academic year 2026/2027

1st Cycle

Bachelor's Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience

- Applicants Aged Over 23 (M23 Scheme) -

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

The program has received accreditation by A3ES (Agency for Assessment and Accreditation of Higher Education) under reference NCE/24/2400158 and is officially registered with the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES) under registration number R/A-CR 67/2025.

In accordance with Decree-Law no. 64/2006 of March 21th, as amended by Decree-Law no. 113/2014 of July 16th, and Order no. NR/R/0129/2006, and further referenced by Order no. NR/R/0208/2023, published in the Diário da República through Notice no. 19963/2023 of October 17th, which approves the Regulations for Admission to Bachelor's and Integrated Master's Degree Programs at the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, this Call for Applications is hereby published for the Bachelor's Degree in Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience, offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing (FCSE), under the Special Admission Scheme for Applicants Aged Over 23 (M23).

1. Admission Requirements:

This admission scheme is planned for Portuguese nationals or nationals of a European Union member state, provided they are not covered by the international student status as defined in Decree-Law No. 36/2014 of March 10, as amended, and republished by Decree-Law No. 62/2018 of August 6.

Applicants must meet all the following conditions:

a) Nationality:

- Be a Portuguese citizen or a national of a European Union member state;
- If the applicant is a national of a third country, they must not fall under international student status, as defined in the current version of Decree-Law N° 36/2014.



b) Age:

- Be at least 23 years old by 31 December 2025.

c) Academic Qualifications:

- Not hold a qualification that grants access to higher education through the typical application regime

2. Number of Vacancies:

There are **2** available vacancies.

3. Deadlines:

Phase	Applications	Written Exam	Individual Interview	Results	Enrollment	Class Start Date
1 st	March 31 st to May 22 nd , 2026	May 28 th , 2026	May 29 th , 2026	July 15 th , 2026	June 15 th to 19 th , 2026	September 7 th , 2026

4. Necessary documentation for the Application:

- 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;
- Certificate of minimum English proficiency at the C1 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), obtained through one of the following exams:
 - . Cambridge English Exams: Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) or Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE);
 - . Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS);
 - . Test of English as a Foreign Language, Internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT)
 - . Aptis ESOL Advanced - British Council
 - . Language proficiency test conducted by Católica Languages & Translation,
 - . Applicants who can prove English is their first language or who have completed secondary education exclusively in English.
- Documents (diplomas, certificates) that the applicant considers important for their submitted curriculum;



- Declaration, under oath, that the applicant does not hold any qualification granting access to higher education (Declaration of Honour for applicants aged over 23).

Notes:

Original documents or certified copies are not required at the time of application.

Foreign-issued documents are recognised as legalised in Portugal if:

- . They are authenticated by a Portuguese diplomatic or consular authority in the country of origin, with the signature verified by a consular seal.
- . They belong to countries that are signatories to the Hague Convention (October 5, 1961) and can be authenticated by apostille.
- . They are issued by countries of the European Union, the European Economic Area, the European Free Trade Association, or the United Kingdom — in these cases, authentication is not mandatory.

If the documents are presented in a foreign language (except Spanish, English, French, or Italian), an official translation must be provided, in accordance with notarial law.

5. Submission of Application

All applications must be completed and submitted using the online platform (<https://sca.lisboa.ucp.pt/CandidaturasOnline/Candidato>).

At the end of the submission, the applicant will receive payment information:

- Applicants residing in Portugal: a ATM payment reference will be generated.
- Applicants without a bank account in Portugal: must request the bank transfer details by sending an email to tesouraria.sede@ucp.pt, including their full name and applicant number.

The application will be regarded as complete once payment has been made.

Applications without the required payment will not be assessed.

Written Exam

A special written exam, covering the subjects listed below, is mandatory for all applicants:

Mathematics:

1. Functions
2. Trigonometry and related functions



3. Analysis of graphs and tables
4. Probability calculation
5. Combinatorial calculation

Biology

1. General organisation of cells
2. Mitosis and meiosis
3. Evolution and agents of evolution
4. Cellular respiration

Physics and Chemistry

1. Structure of matter (atoms, molecules, ions)
2. Chemical equations
3. Classical mechanics
4. Electric field and circuits
5. Gravitational field
6. Energy and heat

6. Evaluation of Applications, Ranking 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 Isabel Manjerico Canaipa.

The results of the evaluation will be published as per the established regulations.

Criteria

Criteria / Minimum Grade (on a 0-20 scale)	Weighting Coefficient
School and professional background	25%
Applicant's motivation	5%
Written exam	70%

The Committee will assign a final grade between 0 and 20, based on the 0–20 scale, which reflects the approval decision. This grade results from the weighted combination of scores awarded for each evaluation component. The minimum grade required for eligibility is 10.

Results will be emailed to applicants and may fall into one of the following categories:

Admitted, Not Admitted, or Excluded.



7. Program Functioning

This 3-year (240 ECTS) bachelor's degree in Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience is conducted in person and follows a daytime schedule.

Classes typically take place from Monday to Friday, between 08:00 and 19:00.

Attendance in the bachelor's program in Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience involves both in-class and out-of-class academic activities, where specific software tools are actively used. Therefore, all students are expected to have a personal laptop to fully participate in all academic activities without limitations.

The language of instruction is English.

8. Tuition Fees, Charges and Administrative Costs

The amounts for tuition fees, charges, and other administrative costs are set annually and published in a specific document (Table of Tuition Fees, Charges, and Administrative Costs). As such, the applicable amounts for subsequent academic years may be subject to change.

Tuition and Fees (this does not replace consulting the Table of Tuition and Fees, which will soon be available on the website)

Administrative Fees	
Application fee	€ 270,00
Enrollment (including school insurance and card)	€ 470,00
Tuition (€24,80 per ECTS credit per month)	
1 st year - 2 semesters – 10 payments (30 ECTS/semester)	€ 744,00* per month

*Reference value for the class period of 2026/2027

9. Enrollment

Enrollment information will be sent by email to admitted applicants after the publication of the results.

To complete enrollment, payment of the enrollment fee and the first monthly instalment is required, as well as the submission of the online enrollment form.

If enrollment is not completed within the stipulated deadline, the applicant will be considered to have withdrawn.



The original documents previously submitted must be presented by September 30, 2025, under penalty of cancellation of registration, with no refund of amounts paid up to that date. Documents must be presented either as originals or as certified copies.

For filing purposes in the student's individual record, the administrative services may certify a copy of the original document presented by the student, at no cost to the student, and return the original document.

10. Further Information

For more information, please visit the website [BSc Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience | FCSE-Católica](#).

11. Contacts

Admissions: saude.sede@ucp.pt Treasury Office: tesouraria.sede@ucp.pt	<u>Telephone Numbers</u> Admissions Office: (+351) 21 721 4047 Treasury Office: (+351) 21 721 4079
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Office hours (by appointment, scheduled by e-mail: saude.sede@ucp.pt):

- Monday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Director of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing of the
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