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FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
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LISBOA-PORTO

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR APPLICATIONS no. 03/2026

Faculty of Health Sciences and Nursing

- Lisbon -

Academic year 2026/2027

1st Cycle

Bachelor's Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience

- General Admission Regime -

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 Programmes 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 General Admission Regime.

1. Admission Requirements:

This admission regime is for candidates of Portuguese nationality who hold a secondary education diploma (completed in Portugal) and 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) Be holders of a secondary education diploma or a legally equivalent qualification

b) Have taken the required entrance examinations, or equivalent substitute exams, ensuring they are still valid, and have obtained the respective minimum grade, namely:

Bachelor's Degree	Required Entrance Exams and Minimum Score[1, 2]	Minimum Grade
Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience	(02) Biology and Geology + (07) Physics and Chemistry OR (02) Biology and Geology + (16) Mathematics	95

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

[2] 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

c) For the purposes of point (b), applicants may submit the ENES form (National Secondary Education Exams) containing the entrance examinations they have taken, which must be issued in the same year as the application. Exams taken from 2022 onwards (inclusive) are valid as entrance examinations in the year they are taken and for the following four years (CNAES Resolution No. 1043/2021, of 13/10);

d) Minimum English Level C1 certificate according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), awarded through one of the following examinations:
   - 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;
   - Language proficiency assessment test carried out at Católica Languages & Translation;
   - Applicants who can demonstrate English as their first language or who have completed secondary education exclusively in English.

Note: Applications may be accepted on a conditional basis without the submission of the English language certificate at the time of application. The certificate must be submitted at the beginning of the course.

2. Number of Vacancies:

Number of general vacancies	Number of vacancies for applicants with physical or sensory disabilities	Number of vacancies for high-performance athletes[1]	Number of vacancies for Portuguese emigrants, their family members, and descendants of Portuguese origin[2]
30	1	1	1

[1] High-performance athletes as defined in Decree-Law No. 272/2009 of 1 October.

[2] Contingente Prioritário para Candidatos Emigrantes Portugueses, Familiares que com eles residam e Lusodescendentes | DGES

3. Deadlines:

Phases	Applications	Results	Enrollment	Class Start Date
1st	June 1st to July 21st, 2026	July 24th, 2026	July 24th to 28th, 2026	September 7th, 2026
2nd	July 22nd to August 9th, 2026	August 12th, 2026	August 12th to 14th, 2026	
3rd	August 10th to 31st, 2026	September 3rd, 2026	September 3rd to 6th, 2026	

Notes:

If all available places are not filled in the previous phase, the following phase will open with the remaining vacancies. The final day for applications and enrolment coincides with the payment deadline. Applicants who are not admitted in a given phase automatically move on to the next phase, if one exists, without needing to submit a new application.

Update of the ENES Form

Applicants who obtain an improved grade as a result of the review process of national exam papers must send the updated ENES form to saude.sede@ucp.pt by 30 August 2026. Those whose application score is equal to or higher than the score of the last admitted candidate in each phase will be automatically admitted. The results will be published by 3 September 2026.

Foreign diplomas with results released after the end of the application periods

Applicants coming from foreign secondary education systems whose results are expected to be released after the end of the application phases should preferably apply in the 1st phase, and must send their results to saude.sede@ucp.pt by 30 August 2026. They will be automatically admitted if their application score is equal to or higher than the score of the last admitted candidate in the phase to which they applied.

4. Necessary documentation for the Application:

Applicants from national higher education institutions:

- Identification document – Passport or Citizen Card);
- Tax Identification Number;

- Passport-type photo;
- Curriculum vitae (optional);
- ENES Form, which must be issued in the year of application;
- Certificate of qualifications listing completed course units, grades, contact hours, and ECTS credits.

Applicants holding a foreign secondary education qualification:

- Detailed Certificate/Diploma of Foreign Secondary Education (completed abroad or in Portugal), including subjects, respective grades, and overall final grade;
- Statement issued by the attended Secondary Education Institution indicating the grading scale used for final classifications, including the minimum and maximum passing grades, if this information is not included in the academic record;
- Certificate of Equivalence to Portuguese Secondary Education (https://www.dge.mec.pt/equivalencias-estrangeiras);
- When an exam from a country whose legislation does not provide an equivalence to the Portuguese system is submitted as a substitute for an entrance examination, the programme syllabus of the subject in question must also be provided, as well as an official document issued by that country's education authorities confirming that the exam is legally recognized and indicating the exam's grading scale, including the minimum and maximum passing grades.

Special admission quotas:

Applicants who meet the general admission requirements and apply under the special quotas must submit the following certificates/statements at the time of application:

- Applicants with physical or sensory disabilities: Multi-Purpose Disability Medical Certificate (AMIM);
- High-performance athletes: Statement issued by the Portuguese Institute of Sport and Youth (IPDJ).

Notes:

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

Documents issued abroad are considered legally valid in Portugal if:

- They are authenticated by a Portuguese diplomatic or consular authority in the country of origin, and the signature is certified with the consular white seal.
- They originate from countries that are signatories to the Hague Convention (5 October 1961), in which case they may be legalized 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, no legalization is required.

If the documents are written 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 (sca.lisboa.ucp.pt/CandidaturasOnline/?checkCookies=1).

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.

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. Susana Araújo Marreiro Varela.

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

Criteria / Minimum grade (on a 0–200 scale)	Weighting Coefficient
Secondary education grade*	50%
Grade of the required admission exams*	50%

* Grades obtained in foreign education systems will be converted to the Portuguese grading scale, in accordance with the applicable legislation.

Results will be emailed to applicants and may fall into one of the following categories: Admitted, Not Admitted, or Excluded.

7. Functioning

This 3-year (180 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 programme 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	€ 180,00
Enrollment (including school insurance and card)	€ 470,00
Tuition (€24,80 per ECTS credit per month)	
1st 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	Telephone Numbers: Admissions: (+351) 21 721 4147 Treasury Office: (+351) 21 721 4079

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

- Monday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location:
Universidade Católica Portuguesa
Palma de Cima,
Edifício da Biblioteca João Paulo II, 5.º piso, gabinete 4503
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