



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - NOTICE No. FD-04/2024

Porto Faculty of Law

International Studies Programme

Master's Degree in Law – International and European Law

Academic Year 2024/2025

The **International Studies Programme** is a coherent proposal within the master's programme in International and European Law. Students must complete 60 ECTS from a list of courses and seminars (fully lectured in English) and submit his/her master's dissertation (30 ECTS) in English or in another foreign language if previously approved by the School Board.

1. Eligibility requirements

Admissions are open to applicants who have obtained or will obtain (this academic year) an undergraduate degree (or legal equivalent) in Law, History, International Relations, Economics, Management, Military Sciences, or another area of Social Sciences or Humanities.

2. Vacancies

There are a total of 130 vacancies available – divided over the three application calls – for all the areas of the master's degree in Law (including the International Studies Programme). Applicants with the best qualifications will be admitted, regardless of the area chosen.

3. Application periods

Call	Application	Interview ^[*]	Results	Registration
1st	29 January to 29 February	06 to 08 March	14 March	18 a 20 March
2nd	06 March to 02 May	08 to 10 May	16 May	20 to 22 May
3rd	08 May a 22 August	06 and 09 September	11 September	12 and 13 September

**Interviews will only be held for applicants with a bachelor's degree awarded by a foreign university, and for applicants with a degree in a field other than law.*

Classes are expected to begin on **16 September 2024**.



4. Required documents for application

- [Identification Data Form](#) or copy of the Personal Identification Document/Passport
- [Declaration on honour that the applicant is eligible for “international student” status](#)
- [Curriculum Vitae \(CV\) – ED Model](#)
- **Applicants who have already graduated** must submit a **Diploma** or **Certificate** including a **transcript of records** (detailed information on the subjects and grades), mentioning a **final grade for the degree**.
- **Applicants conditioned upon the conclusion of the bachelor’s degree** must submit:
 - an interim academic transcript showing the subjects already completed and their final grades discriminated. Screenshot images from self-service portals are also acceptable if applicants are unable to obtain a transcript document.
 - a declaration under oath stating the course, school, expected average and the conclusion date:
[Declaration – applicants conditioned upon the conclusion of the degree;](#)
[Declaration – applicants who graduated that do not have access to the diploma yet](#)

Documents issued in other countries must either be legalized by the Portuguese diplomatic or consular authority in the issuing country, or contain the Hague Apostille, except if issued in the United Kingdom, in EU countries, or in countries belonging to the European Economic Area or the European Association of Free Trade.

When these documents are written in a foreign language other than Spanish, English or French, the respective translation must be presented, under the terms provided for in the notarial law.

5. Application procedure

Applications to UCP (Porto) are submitted using an online application platform available [HERE](#). During the application process, applicants will be able to upload the above-mentioned documents.

After submission, a confirmation message will be sent to the applicant’s email address, including information regarding payment of the application fee (ATM references, or UCP IBAN for an international bank transfer for applicants living abroad).

Applications omitting the required documents or lacking payment of the application fee will not be considered.

6. Application assessment, selection criteria and results

Applicants’ selection and ranking will be made by the master’s Coordinator and the Dean of Porto Faculty of Law – Universidade Católica Portuguesa.



For applicants with a Law Degree from a Portuguese Institution, the criteria considered are:

Criteria	Weight
Undergraduate degree's final grade	50%
Adequacy of the previous degree	30%
Professional experience and additional curricular elements	20%

For applicants with a Law Degree from a foreign Institution, or applicants with a degree in areas of knowledge other than law, there will be a first selection based on their academic path:

Criteria	Weight
Undergraduate degree's final grade	60%
Adequacy of the previous degree	40%

Applicants who do not pass this first selection are considered "not admitted", whereas applicants who pass this first selection will be called for an interview and then ranked according to the following criteria:

Criteria	Weight
Undergraduate degree's final grade	80%
Adequacy of the previous degree	
Interview	20%

The interview aims to understand the applicant's motivations for attending the master's programme, assess his/her professional experience, and clarify additional elements to the curriculum evaluation.

When scheduled, unjustified failure to attend the interview will result in the applicant's elimination.

The results will be published on a digital platform with access restricted to candidates, who will receive the credentials and access link by email on a date close to results publication. Each applicant will be informed of the result of the application as follows:

- **"Admitted"** - if the candidate is admitted without any condition;
- **"Admitted Conditionally"** - if admission is dependent on the conclusion of the undergraduate degree with a minimum final grade (GPA) and presentation of the final diploma or other documents on a set date;
- **"Next Round"** (Application will be assessed in the following call on equal terms with new applicants)
- **"Not Admitted"**



7. Course functioning and duration

The Master's programme in International and European Law has a total duration of three semesters: two academic semesters and a dissertation semester. Students must complete 60 ECTS from a list of courses and seminars (totally lectured in English) and submit their master's dissertation (30 ECTS) in English, or another foreign language if previously approved by the School Board.

Students who fulfil these criteria will be granted:

- A Master's Degree in Law: European and International Law; and
- An International Studies Programme Diploma.

During the two academic semesters, students must be physically present in Porto. During the dissertation semester, students are not required to be in Porto, since supervision may be carried out using online tools. On the other hand, this is a period when students may do legal internships or research internships.

Classes are expected to begin on 16 September 2024.

8. Tuitions and fees

Tuition and fees are set out annually and published in full documentation regarding fees, emoluments, and taxes, so the amounts set in subsequent academic years may be different.

As the values for 2024/25 are not totally available yet, below are the values in force for 2023/24 to be used as a reference.

Extract of the Fees Table 2023/2024

(Does not exempt the consultation of the complete document)

Fees	
Application (only for new students at UCP-Porto)	155€
Registration (includes school insurance and student card)	
• Current/Former Student (UCP)	690 €
• New Students (UCP)	850 €
Tuition fees	
Curricular component	
1 st year: 10 payments	538,50 €/month
In case of a pre-Bologna degree, the amount of the monthly tuition will be proportional to the credits that the student will attend each semester	
Dissertation	
2 nd year (Dissertation) – 5 payments	538,50 €/month
TOTAL	8.077,50 €



The registration fee and the 1st monthly tuition are due at the time of registration.

Application and registration fees are non-refundable under any circumstances, even if the student cancels the registration before the beginning of classes or does not comply with the admission conditions, in the case of a conditional admission. In the latter situation, the application and registration fees will be transferred to the 2nd semester, if the student applies for that intake and is admitted.

As for tuition fees, they can be refunded upon presentation of a request within a maximum period of 48 hours after the deadline for confirming non-admission.

9. Registration procedure

If admitted or admitted conditionally, the candidate will receive all the information regarding the registration process by email.

To conclude the registration process, it will be necessary to present the following:

- Passport photo (* .JPG, * .PNG or * .GIF)
- Copy of the Vaccination card with the indication of the last Tetanus immunization
- Information requested by the Portuguese Higher Education authorities (RAIDES survey)
- Registration form and other specific documents to be indicated at the time of admission
- Proof of payment of the registration fee and the 1st monthly fee

The applicant's withdrawal is assumed if registration is not completed within the stipulated period.

The **original documents** previously submitted (diploma, diploma supplement or academic transcript, and remaining documents), **duly legalized or with the Hague Apostille**, must be presented before the beginning of classes, on a date and time to be defined by the Academic Services.

10. Accreditation

Applicants who have completed a degree in Law at a Portuguese university, under the system prior to the Bologna Process, may request accreditation of the previous training, which will grant them 30 credit units or, if the student wants the diploma of the Master's degree to mention an area of specialization, 27 credit units.

Under the terms of the Regulation for Accreditation in Master Courses at Porto Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, attendance at a post-graduate training course obtained at said Faculty can, by resolution of the Scientific Council under the terms of the Regulation of the Master's Course, be accredited up to a limit of 30 credit units.

The request for accreditation must be instructed in a specific form, preferably at the time of application or registration. For more information, consult the Regulation for Accreditation in Master Courses at Porto Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa.



11. Additional Information

Scholarships and merit awards

Merit Scholarships are awarded every semester.

Applicants with an application score equal to or greater than 15.00 (on a scale of 0 to 20) are eligible for a merit-based scholarship. Eligible students must submit a request to the School Board by September 15th in accordance with the stipulations present in the regulation.

This information does not exempt applicants from consulting the [Regulation of the Merit Scholarships for Masters of Porto Faculty of Law, Universidade Católica Portuguesa](#).

Further information

Further information can be consulted on the [Faculty's website](#) and/or on the [application's website](#).

12. Contacts

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