

MSc in Economics

Minute of Meeting 1

Admissions and Ranking for 2023/2024 Applicants

On the 24th of October 2022, the Applications Analysis Committee, composed of Professor Henrique Monteiro, Professor Ricardo Barradas, Professor Joaquim Ramalho, convened to define the criteria for the selection and ranking of applicants to the MSc in Economics for 2023/2024.

The Committee approved the following criteria:

Admission and Ranking Criteria for Master in Economics Applicants

Master applicants are accepted into the programme based on the following ranking formula:

$$\mathbf{CF = CA * 50\% + CP * 20\% + CC * 30\%}$$

CF: Grade Point Average; CA: Academic Rating; CP: Professional Rating; CC: Proficiency Rating.

- The CA (Academic Rating) is the weighted sum of two parts:
 - o The first, which counts for 60%, corresponds – in the case of applicants with a completed undergraduate degree – to the grade point average for the undergraduate degree and – in the case of applicants who have not yet finished an undergraduate degree – the grade point average at the time of their application.
 - o The second, which counts for 40%, takes into account the relevance of the undergraduate degree of the applicants and the relevance of their academic projects, as well as the relevant national and international accreditations and presence in national and international rankings of the university from which the applicants earned their degree.

- The CP (Professional Rating) considers internships, association activities, volunteer service, research projects and other relevant professional experience. International experience is equally important, including participation in exchange and summer school programmes, international internships and professional experience abroad.
- The CC (Proficiency Rating) evaluates motivation, communication skills and the applicants' development potential, based on an analysis of the applicants' letter of interest, which may be supplemented by an interview.

Applicants with a grade point average (CF) above or equal to 14.50 shall be ranked and accepted until all the existing vacancies in each application period are filled.

Applicants with a grade point average (CF) below 14.50 and above or equal to 13.50 are carried over into the next application period.

Applicants with a grade point average (CF) below 13.50 will not be accepted. Applicants without an undergraduate degree or with a grade point average for their undergraduate degree below 12 will not be accepted.

In case of a draw in the grade point average (CF), the average of the undergraduate degree will be used as a tiebreaker criterion and, in the case of candidates who have not yet completed the undergraduate degree; the average at the time of submission of the application will be used.

Applicants who intend to enter the master programme under paragraph d), section no. 1, article 17 of Decree-Law 115/2013 will be assigned a grade equivalent to the grade point average of the undergraduate degree exclusively for use during the admission and ranking process.

Applicants accepted without a completed undergraduate degree must provide proof of its completion before beginning the master programme.

Applicants not accepted because of no available vacancies are placed on a wait list and may be called by order according to their ranking, should any accepted applicant withdraw.

Applicants carried over into the next application period are called by order based on their ranking, as long as all vacancies are not taken by the end of the admission process.

Applicants to master programmes taught in English must be native speakers, have finished a bachelor degree taught in English, have a language certificate (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge or Business English) or provide proof of adequate English proficiency in an interview (if applicable).

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