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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

NOTICE Nº CPBS-01/2026

Católica Porto Business School

Academic Year 2026/2027

Undergraduate degree in Economics | Undergraduate degree in Management

Pursuant to Decree-Law 36/2014 of March 10 (in its current wording), which regulates the status of international students, the Regulations for access to undergraduate and integrated master's degree programs at Universidade Católica Portuguesa (Order NR/R/0333/2022, of September 23), the Regulations for the Application of the International Student Statute of Universidade Católica Portuguesa (REEIUCP - Order NR/R/0105/2019, of March 7), and the Regulations for Admission to the Undergraduate Degrees of the Faculty of Economics and Management of June 27, 2016, the rules applicable to applicants to the Undergraduate Degrees in Economics and Management are the following:

1. Eligibility criteria

For the purposes of the present call, an international student is a student who is not a Portuguese national and not:

a) National of a member state of the European Union;

b) Family members of Portuguese nationals or nationals of a Member State of the European Union, regardless of their nationality (family members are those considered to be such under the terms of Law no. 37/2006, of August 9, 2006 - 1) The spouse of an European Union citizen; 2) The partner with whom an European Union citizen lives in a *de facto* union, constituted under the terms of the law, or with whom the European Union citizen maintains a permanent relationship duly certified by the competent authority of the member state where they reside; 3) a direct descendant who is under 21 years of age or who is a dependant of an European Union citizen, as well as that of the spouse or partner within the meaning of the previous point; 4) a direct ascendant who is a dependant of an European Union citizen, as well as that of the spouse or partner within the scope of point 2));

c) Those who are not nationals of a Member State of the European Union but who have been legally residing in Portugal for more than two years, uninterruptedly, on January 1st of the year in which they intend to apply for higher education, as well as their children who are legally resident with them (a residence permit for study is not considered for this purpose);

d) Those who are beneficiaries, on January 1st of the year in which they intend to apply for higher education, of equal rights and duties status granted under an international treaty between the Portuguese State and the State of which they are a national;

e) Those who apply for higher education through the special access and admission regimes regulated by Decree-Law no. 393-A/99, of October 2, amended by Decree-Law no. 272/2009, of October 1 and by Decree-Law no. 11/2020, of April 2.

f) Foreign students who are attending a Portuguese higher education institution as part of an international mobility program to complete part of a cycle of studies at a foreign higher education institution with which the Portuguese institution has established an exchange agreement for this purpose.

This regime should also be used by international students who are already attending higher education in a foreign country or who hold a higher education degree (national or foreign).

Foreign citizens who are not covered by the International Student Statute must apply to UCP under the conditions applicable to students with Portuguese nationality.

2. Admission conditions

To apply students must meet the eligibility conditions set out in point 1 of this document and are cumulatively:

a) Holders of a qualification giving access to higher education in their country of origin or holders a Portuguese secondary education course, or a legally equivalent qualification;

b) Have an application score equal to or greater than 100 points (0-200 scale), calculated in accordance with the terms set out in number 7 of this notice;

c) Demonstrate knowledge of the language in which the course will be taught;

d) Have academic qualifications considered equivalent to the entrance exams required to access undergraduate programmes (the exams correspondence table is available on the website): Mathematics and Business or English or Physics or Geography or History or Portuguese.

3. Number of places: 20 (4 for Economics and 16 for Management)

4. Application dates

Call	Application period	UCP Entrance exams[1] (if required)	Results	Enrolment
1st	December 02 to January 15	*To be scheduled*	February 12	February 18 to 20
2nd	February 23 to April 07	*To be scheduled*	April 28	May 05 to 07
3rd	May 11 to June 11	*To be scheduled*	July 02	July 09 to 13

[1] When the exams taken by the applicant in his/her country of origin are not considered equivalent to the entrance exams required in Portugal, the applicant will have to take two entrance exams at UCP.

The opening of the 2nd and subsequent calls will depend on the number of places that remain from the previous calls.

5. Documentation required for the application

- Identification document (passport);
- A sworn statement that the applicant is eligible as an "international student";
- Secondary school leaving certificate from the country of origin and transcript (with subjects taken, respective marks and overall marks);
- Official statement with information on the grading scale used, including maximum and minimum marks for approval (if this information is not included in the diploma or transcript);
- Document proving the marks obtained in the national final exam (or if not national, recognized as such) of the subjects used as entrance exams (if this information is not included in the diploma and/or transcript);
- Portuguese language certificate at B2 level or equivalent or English language certificate, depending on the language of the programme students intend to attend. Applicants who have attended secondary school in the language of the course are exempted from presenting a language certificate.

The exams from other countries that are considered valid for the purposes of replacing the entrance exam can be found at our website. If you cannot find specific information that applies to your case, please send us the documents you have, and we will inform you of its validity.

When the exams taken by the applicant in their country of origin are not considered equivalent to the entrance exams required in Portugal, the applicant will have to take two knowledge assessment exams in the areas corresponding to the entrance exams required to access the undergraduate. One Mathematics exam (this can be the OMPT-A exam or the UCP Internal exam) and an English exam (UCP internal exam).

Notes

Only scanned copies of original documents/certificates are required at the time of application.

Documents issued in other countries will have to be legalized by the Portuguese diplomatic or consular authority in the issuing country, or contain the Hague Apostille, except for United Kingdom, and countries from EU, or European Economic Area, or European Free Trade Association.

When they are written in a foreign language other than Spanish, English, French or Italian, the respective translation must be delivered, in accordance with the provisions of the notarial law.

In the event of admission, the student must present the original documents, duly legalized, at the time of enrolment.

6. Application submission

Applications are to be submitted online (https://secretaria.porto.ucp.pt/CandidaturasOnline/).

The applicant will receive a confirmation of application receipt, where he/she can find the payment details of the application fee. The application will only be concluded when the payment is made.

Foreign applicants who do not have a bank account in Portugal and therefore use bank transfer as means of payment (IBAN) should send proof of payment by email to admissions.porto@ucp.pt.

Incomplete processes or those without associated payment will not be evaluated.

7. Application assessment, ranking criteria, and publication of the results

Applications will be evaluated, and a grade will be awarded (expressed in a 100-200 range of the 0-200 whole number scale), as follows:

Criterion / Minimum score (0-200 scale)	Weight
Secondary school classification or equivalent (minimum 100 points) [1]	50%
Final exam of classification 1 (Mathematics) or equivalent (minimum 95 points) [1][2]	30%
Final exam classification 2 or equivalent (minimum 95 points) [1][2]	20%

[1] The marks obtained will be converted to the Portuguese scale, in accordance with the applicable legislation.

[2] For certain exams (e.g. ENEM), a minimum score of more than 95 points may be set.

CPBS reserves the right to set a minimum application score for each call, depending on the quality of the applicant's results.

The results will be published on a digital platform with restricted access to applicants.

The results will be expressed as follows:

- "Admitted"
- "Next Round"
- "Not Admitted"

Applicants referred to the *next round* will automatically be considered in the following call, without the need to formalize a new application and at no extra cost. They should only add new documents or information if there is any change to their previous situation.

8. Information about the programme

The Economics and Management undergraduate degrees last 3 years (180 ECTS) and are offered on a daytime schedule. Classes are usually held from Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 7pm, and exceptionally until 8.30pm, and occasionally on Saturday mornings. Assessment tests take place from Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 8.30pm, and on Saturday mornings.

The academic year is scheduled to begin on **September 7th**.

Teaching language

The degrees are taught in Portuguese and English, allowing the program to be attended entirely in English.

The investment that Católica Porto Business School has made in teaching in English is in line with the expectations of the job market. Thus, each student will have one or more courses taught in English per semester, even if they are attending the program in Portuguese.

The attendance of an undergraduate degree programme involves activities, both in class and outside, where specific software is actively used. It is therefore expected that all students have a laptop to be able to follow and attend all the activities without limitations.

9. Tuition and Fees

Tuitions and fees are set out annually and published in a separate document (fees table), so the amounts to be charged in subsequent academic years will increase.

Since the values for 2026/27 are not yet available, the following are the values in force for 2025/26 to be used as reference.

Values in force in 2025/26
(Does not exempt the consultation of the complete and updated document available HERE)

Fees	
Application	175€
Registration	455€
Subsequent annual enrolment	355€
Tuition fees	
Monthly installments (10 installments/year)	630€/month
Amount per year	6.300€
Global amount (3 years)	18.900€

The application and registration fees are not refundable under any circumstances, even if the student cancels the registration before the beginning of the programme.

10. Registration

The registration process will be made online and the access to the platform will be provided tothe admitted applicants after publication of the results. On this platform, it will be necessary to submit:

- Passport photo (* .JPG, * .PNG or * .GIF)
- Copy of the Vaccination card with the date of the last Tetanus immunization
- Information requested by the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education
- Registration form and other specific documents to be indicated at the time of admission (including information requested by the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and HigherEducation)
- Proof of payment of the registration fee and the 1st instalment
- Other documents (namely updated certificates) if applicable

If the applicant is a minor, the documents must be signed by the applicant and the legal guardian.

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

The originals of the documents previously submitted (certificates and other documents submitted), must be presented before the beginning of classes, on a date and time to be set by the Academic Services, under penalty of cancellation of registration and no refund of amounts paid up to that date. Documents must be presented in their original version or in a certified copy, duly legalized if applicable.

11. Courses Accreditation

If you have already attended a higher education programme, you can request courses accreditation. This accreditation, when requested, is carried out in accordance with the Católica Porto Business School Regulations, and the fees in force will apply.

12. Other information

For more information about the undergraduate degrees, please visit Católica Porto Business School website.

13. Contacts

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Schedule an appointment here.

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