

School Year: **2025/2026**

Course: Bachelor's Programme in **Data Science and Technology**

Call for Applications

The Bachelor's Programme in **Data Science and Technology** [has been accredited by A3ES](#), and is governed by the principles set out in the [General Regulations of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Braga](#), as well as by the [Regulations governing access to undergraduate and integrated master's degree courses at the Universidade Católica Portuguesa](#).

Access to the Bachelor's Programme in Data Science and Technology (EaD) is ensured through three different regime processes:

- **Specific Access** regime for distance learning courses (governed by Decree-Law no. 133/2019 of September 3);
- Regime for **International Students** (governed by Decree-Law no. 36/2014 of March 10, in its current wording);
- And by the special regime for students who have passed the especially appropriate exams designed to assess the ability of people **over 23** to attend (governed by Decree-Law no. 64/2006 of March 21, in its current wording).

1. Criteria for admission

Students who meet the following criteria, applicable to each of the regimes, can access the Bachelor's Programme in Data Science and Technology:

a) **Specific Access** regime:

- a. **Access requirements:** Hold a Portuguese high school degree or a legally recognized as an equivalent qualification (Recognition: DGE [EN](#)).
- b. **Admission requirements:** Approval on exams held by the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences (FFCS) or approval on the Portuguese National Exams upon presentation of an ENES Form with entrance exams (corresponding to the Portuguese National Exams) according to the lists below.
 - i. The Portuguese National Exams accepted as eligible entrance exams to replace the exams organized by the FFCS are those corresponding to the following lists:
 1. Mathematics A (19) and Biology and Geology (02);
 2. Mathematics A (19) and Physics and Chemistry (07);
 3. Mathematics A (19) and English (13)
 - ii. The exams organized by the FFCS include a technical interview and a written exam for each entrance exam corresponding to the following list:
 1. Mathematics and English Language

b) Regime for **international students**:

- a. **Nationality requirements:** Applicants must meet the nationality requirements set out in the International Student Statute (see DGES website [EN](#)), in accordance with the legislation in force;
- b. **Access requirements:** Hold a qualification giving access to higher education in the country of origin (high school degree) **OR** Hold a Portuguese high school degree, or a legally equivalent qualification;
- c. **Entry requirements:** Completion of exams organized by the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences (FFCS), which include a technical interview and a written exam for each entrance exam corresponding to the following list:
 1. Mathematics and English Language

c) Special regime for people **over 23**:

- a. according to its own regulations, involves an interview, an assessment of the candidate's CV and written exams in Mathematics and English.

2. **Number of places:** Total number of places approved for the course: **60 places**

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| a) | Vacancies for the Specific Access Regime (EaD): | 25 places |
| b) | Vacancies for the International Student Regime: | 30 places |
| c) | Vacancies for the Over 23s Regime: | 5 places |

3. Deadlines

Deadlines for the **Specific Access** and **International Student** regimes:

PHASE	SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS		INTERVIEW	EXAMS	RESULTS	REGISTRATION PERIOD	
	START	END				START	END
1 ^a	06/05/ 2025	12/06/ 2025	18/06/ 2025	25/06/2025 ⁽¹⁾ 27/06/2025 ⁽²⁾	14/07/ 2025	14/07/ 2025	18/07/ 2025
2 ^a	13/06/ 2025	08/07/ 2025	15/07/ 2025	22/07/2025 ⁽¹⁾ 24/07/2025 ⁽²⁾	31/07/ 2025	31/07/ 2025	08/08/ 2025
3 ^a	10/07/ 2025	12/09/ 2025	18/09/ 2025	22/09/2025 ⁽¹⁾ 23/09/2025 ⁽²⁾	25/09/ 2025	25/09/ 2025	30/09/ 2025

(1) Mathematics exam (2) English Language exam

Special regime for people **over 23**:

Applications	Preparation classes	Written Exam	Interview	Results	Registration
From 28/04/2025 To 25/08/2025	From 01/09/2025 To 04/09/2025	05/09/2025 and 08/09/2025	08/09/2025	11/09/2025	September 11, 12 and 15, 2025

4. Documentation required

1. Applicants for the **Specific Access** regime are required to submit the following documents:

a. **Civil identification** documents:

- Portuguese Nationals: **Citizen Card** (front and back);
- Nationals of Third Countries: **Passport** (only the pages with the holder's identification data and the validity of the document).

b. **Educational qualifications**

- Portuguese qualifications:
 - Portuguese High School Certificate (or legal equivalent) **or**;
 - ENES form (when applicant took the National Exams).
- Third country qualifications:
 - Certificate and Diploma of legally equivalent qualification (*) to Portuguese High School Degree;
 - Certificate of Equivalence (*) to High School Degree (document required at DGE [EN](#)).

NOTE: For application purposes, it is sufficient to submit a digital copy of these documents. When enrolling, however, you must obtain notarized copies to send to the Academic Services (by postal mail).

2. The following documents are required from applicants for the **International Student** regime:

a. **Civil identification** documents:

- Portuguese Nationals: **Citizen Card** (front and back);
- Nationals of Third Countries: **Passport** (only the pages with the holder's identification data and the validity of the document).

b. **Educational qualifications**

- Portuguese qualifications:
 - Portuguese High School Certificate (or legal equivalent) **or**;
 - ENES form (when applicant took the National Exams).
- Third country qualifications:
 - Certificate and Diploma of legally equivalent qualification to Portuguese High School Degree.

NOTE: For application purposes, it is sufficient to submit a digital copy of these documents. When enrolling, however, you must obtain notarized copies to send to the Academic Services (by postal mail).

3. Applicants for the **Over 23s** special regime are required to submit the following documents:

a. **Civil identification** documents:

- Portuguese Nationals: **Citizen Card** (front and back);
- Nationals of Third Countries: **Passport** (only the pages with the holder's identification data, the validity of the document and the date of entrance in Schengen space).

b. Updated and documented Curriculum Vitae, written in English, duly documented, containing a copy of the certificates of the qualifications you hold.

- Portuguese qualifications:
 - Certificate of qualifications held **or**;
- Third country qualifications:
 - Certificate / Diploma of qualifications held.

NOTE: For application purposes, it is sufficient to submit a digital copy of these documents. When enrolling, however, you must obtain notarized copies to send to the Academic Services (by postal mail).

Relevant information:

- I. For application purposes, it is sufficient to submit a digital copy of these documents. However, in order to obtain the Certificate of Equivalence to Portuguese High School Degree (required when applying via Specific Access), you need to provide the services of the Portuguese General-Directorate for Education with legally valid copies (**notarized** copies), duly **translated** into Portuguese and duly **validated** with a Hague apostille or consular validation.
- II. **Notarial certified copy:** this is a copy of a given document made by an authority with the legal power to do so, which ensures that the copy corresponds to the original. These certified copies may also include legally valid translations.
- III. **International validation of documents** issued by official entities in third countries
 - a. Hague Apostille: this is a formality which certifies the authenticity of public acts issued in the territory of a contracting state and which must be presented in the territory of another contracting state to the same Convention, thus giving them formal probative value.
 - b. Countries that are not members to the Hague Convention need to carry out the procedure replaced, in member states, by the Hague Apostille, carried out by the Consular Services of the country where the documents to be validated were issued.

5. Application submission

The application must be submitted via the online platform (<https://esca.braga.ucp.pt/CandidaturasOnline/>). The applicant will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of the application, with payment information. The application will only be completed once payment has been confirmed.

6. Evaluation of applications and publication of results

The selection and ranking of candidates will be carried out by the Course Coordination Committee in accordance with the following criteria:

Specific access regime for distance learning courses and regime for **international students**:

Criterion (expressed on a scale of 0 - 200)	Weighting coefficient
High School Degree (or equivalent)	50 %
Entrance exams (total weight)	(Σ) 50 %
Mathematics exam	25 %
English Languages exam	25 %

Special regime for people **over 23**:

Criterion (expressed on a 0 - 200 scale)	Weighting coefficient
School and professional curriculum	25 %
Interview	5 %
Written Exams (total weight)	(Σ) 70 %
Mathematics exam	35 %
English Language exam	35 %
- Each component will be graded on a numerical scale from 0 to 200. - Candidates who score less than 100 in the written exams will be eliminated. - The application grade results from the sum of the marks for each component after the corresponding weighting.	

The decision to pass means that the jury will award a final mark expressed in the 100-200 range of the 0-200 integer scale, which is the sum of the marks awarded for each of the components, after weighting. There is a minimum application grade of 100 points. The results will be communicated to the applicants via e-mail and the result will be expressed in one of the following formulas:

- **"Admitted"**
- **"Not admitted"**

7. Operation

The degree has a duration of 3 years (180 [ECTS](#)) and is taught via eLearning. Classes will combine both synchronous and asynchronous strategies.

- Synchronous classes are usually held on Thursdays and Fridays between 11:00 AM and 03:00 PM (**mainland Portugal** [time zone](#)).
- Asynchronous classes allow students to better manage their timetable.

The teaching language is entirely English.

Attending the Bachelor's Programme in Data Science and Technology, since it takes place remotely and in a digital environment, means that all students must have a computer and broadband internet access in order to be able to follow and attend all teaching activities without limitations.

8. Tuition, Fees and Charges

The value of fees, tuition and other emoluments is set annually and published in a specific document (Table of fees and emoluments), so the values to be practiced in subsequent academic years may change.

The values for the academic year 2025/2026 can be found at <https://ffcs.braga.ucp.pt/pt-pt/asset/13426/file>.

9. Registration

Registration information will be sent to admitted candidates after the results have been published. For this process it will be necessary to pay the registration fee and gather the following documentation:

The registration form must be filled in completely and correctly. In case of doubt or difficulty, please contact Academic Services.

Important note: Candidates are assumed to have withdrawn if they do not register by the deadline.

Documents: Certified copies with a Hague apostille (or consular validation) of the identification documents and qualifications submitted digitally in the application must be sent by postal mail to the Academic Services by the end of October (final deadline).

Failing to send the necessary documents, implies that the registration will have to be annulled.

Postal address of the Academic Services:

A/c Academic Services da
Faculdade de Filosofia e Ciências Sociais da
Universidade Católica Portuguesa
Camões Campus - Braga
4710-362 Braga
PORTUGAL

(we recommend sending by **registered mail**)

10. **Accreditation of previous training**

You can request accreditation for academic training obtained in previous academic courses and/or proven professional experience.

Accreditation of previous training and/or proven professional experience, when requested, will be carried out in accordance with the Universidade Católica Portuguesa [Accreditation Regulations](#), and the fees in force will apply.

11. Contact

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