

Academic Year: **2026/2027**

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

Call for Applications

The 1st Cycle (Bachelor's Degree) in **Data Science and Technology** is [accredited by A3ES](#) and is governed by the principles set out in [the General Regulations](#) (in Portuguese) of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the Portuguese Catholic University in Braga, and also taking as a reference the [Regulations for admission to Bachelor's and Integrated Master's degree programmes](#) (in Portuguese) at the Portuguese Catholic University.

Admission to the Bachelor's Degree in Data Science and Technology (Distance Learning) is granted through three distinct selection processes:

- **Specific Admission** Competition for distance learning courses (governed by Decree-Law No. 133/2019 of 3 September);
- Competition for **International Students** (governed by Decree-Law No. 36/2014 of 10 March, in its current version);
- And the Special Selection Process for students who have passed the specially adapted tests designed to assess the ability of **those over 23 years of age** to attend (governed by Decree-Law No. 64/2006 of 21 March, as currently in force).

1. Admission requirements for applicants

Students who meet the following criteria, applicable to each of the selection processes, may be admitted to the 1st Cycle in Data Science and Technology:

a) **Specific Admission** Competition:

a. Entry Requirements: Hold a Portuguese high school qualification or a qualification legally recognised as equivalent (Recognition: DGE [PT](#) | [EN](#)).

b. Entry Requirements: Completion of examinations organised by the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences (FFCS) or completion of the Portuguese National Examinations upon presentation of an ENES form with entrance examination results (corresponding to the Portuguese National Examinations) in accordance with the lists below.

i. The Portuguese National Examinations accepted as eligible entrance examinations to replace those organised by the FFCS are those corresponding to the following subjects:

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 organised by the FFCS involve one assessment for each entrance exam corresponding to the following combination: **Mathematics A** and **English**.

i. The **Mathematics A exam** requires:

1. A **technical interview**, which is eliminatory (a score of less than 80 points, on a scale of 0 to 200 points, results in failure and prevents the candidate from proceeding to the next stage). The score obtained in the technical interview accounts for 50% of the final exam mark;
2. A **written exam** (for candidates who scored 80 points or more in the technical interview) is also eliminatory. In other words, if the candidate obtains a mark of less than 95 points on a scale of 0 to 200 points, failure is the inevitable result, even if the weighted average of the marks from the two components results in a value corresponding to the minimum pass mark for the test (95 points).

ii. **The English Test** serves a dual purpose. It ensures compliance with the legal requirement to demonstrate the minimum language proficiency necessary to follow the course (in this case, in English), as well as fulfilment of the stipulated Entrance Examination. The test consists of a Technical Interview, which is eliminatory and accounts for 100% of the final test mark, with a minimum mark of 95 points on a scale of 0 to 200 points.

b) Competition for admission of **International Students**:

- a. **Nationality requirements:** Applicants must meet the nationality requirements set out in the International Student Regulations (see the DGES website: [PT](#) | [EN](#)), in accordance with current legislation.
- b. **Entry requirements:** Hold a qualification that grants access to higher education in the country of origin (high education) **OR** Hold a Portuguese high education qualification, or a legally equivalent qualification;
- c. **Entry requirements:** The examinations organised by the FFCS involve an assessment for each entrance examination corresponding to the following subjects: **Mathematics A and English.**
 - i. The **Mathematics A exam** requires:
 1. A **technical interview**, which is eliminatory (a mark of less than 80 points, on a scale of 0 to 200 points, results in failure and prevents progression to the next stage). The mark obtained in the technical interview accounts for 50% of the final exam mark;
 2. A **written exam** (for candidates who scored 80 points or more in the technical interview) is also eliminatory. In other words, if the candidate obtains a mark of less than 95 points on a scale of 0 to 200 points, failure is the inevitable result, even if the weighted average of the marks from the two components results in a value corresponding to the minimum pass mark for the test (95 points).
 - ii. **The English Test** serves a dual purpose. It ensures compliance with the legal requirement to demonstrate the minimum language proficiency necessary to follow the course (in this case, in English), as well as fulfilment of the stipulated Entrance Examination. The examination consists of a Technical Interview, which is eliminatory in nature and accounts for 100% of the final examination mark, with the minimum mark being 95 points on a scale of 0 to 200 points.
- c) Competition for **those aged 23 and over:**
 - a. in accordance with specific regulations, this involves a vocational interview, an assessment of the candidate's CV, and written examinations in Mathematics and English.

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

- a) Places for the Specific Access Scheme (Distance Learning): **25 places**
- b) Places for the International Students Scheme: **30 places**
- c) Places for the Scheme for those over 23: **5 places**

3. Deadlines

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

STAGE	APPLICATION SUBMISSION					ENROLMENT PERIOD	
	START	END	TECHNICAL INTERVIEW	WRITTEN TEST	RESULTS	START	END
1st	02 December 2025	11 June 2026	17 June 2026	25 June 2026 ⁽¹⁾	14 July 2026	14 July 2026	17 July 2026
2nd	12 June 2026	7 July 2026	13 July 2026	22 July 2026 ⁽¹⁾	31 July 2026	31 July 2026	07 August 2026
3rd	08 July 2026	1 September 2026	07 September 2026	16 September 2026 ⁽¹⁾	25 September 2026	25 September 2026	30 September 2026

NB: The **time** and **venue** of the examinations and interviews will be communicated to candidates in due course by the Academic Services. For interviews, if justified due to a high number of candidates, the number of days allocated for them may be extended. Where **interviews** are conducted remotely, they must **be recorded for future reference** (candidates who do not consent to the recording must sit the exams in person).

⁽¹⁾ Mathematics Test A
⁽²⁾ English Test

Application deadlines for **those aged 23 and over**:

Applications	Preparation classes	Written exam	Interview	Results	Enrolment
From 27 April 2026 To: 24 August 2026	From 1 September 2026 To 4 September 2026	7 September 2026 and 8 September 2026	8 September 2026	10 September 2026	10, 11 and 14 September 2026

4. Required documentation

1. Candidates applying via the Specific Entry route must provide the following documents:

a. Identity documents:

- Portuguese nationals: **Citizen Card** (front and back)
- Third-country nationals: **Passport**

(only the pages containing the holder's identification details and the document's expiry date)

For application purposes, it is sufficient to submit a digital copy of these documents. Upon enrolment, however, you must obtain notarised copies to send to the Academic Services.

b. Educational Qualifications

- Portuguese Qualifications:
 - High School Certificate (or legal equivalent) in Portuguese **or**
 - ENES Record (if they sat the National Examinations)
- Qualifications from third countries:
 - Certificate and Diploma legally equivalent (*) to Portuguese High Education.
 - Certificate of Equivalence (*) to High Education (document to be requested from the DGE [PT](#) | [EN](#)).

2. Applicants for the International Students intake must provide the following documents:

a. Civil identification documents:

- Third-country nationals: **Passport**

(only the pages containing the holder's identification details and the document's expiry date)

For the purposes of application, it is sufficient to submit digital copies of these documents. Upon enrolment, however, you must obtain notarised copies to send to the Academic Services.

b. Educational Qualifications

- Portuguese Qualifications:
 - Portuguese High School Certificate (or legal equivalent) **or**
 - ENES Record (if you sat the National Examinations)
- Qualifications from Third Countries:
 - Certificate and diploma legally equivalent to Portuguese high education.

3. Candidates applying for the 23+ age group are required to provide the following documents:

a. Civil identification documents:

- Portuguese nationals: **Citizen Card** (front and back)
- Third-country nationals: **Passport**

(only the pages containing the holder's identification details and the validity of the document and visa, including dates of entry into the Schengen area)

For application purposes, it is sufficient to submit digital copies of these documents. Upon enrolment, however, you must obtain notarised copies to send to the Academic Services.

- b. An up-to-date and fully documented **Curriculum Vitae**, written in English, containing copies of the certificates of the qualifications held.
- Portuguese Qualifications:
 - Certificate of the qualifications you hold or
 - Qualifications from third countries:
 - Certificate / Diploma of the qualifications held.

Important notes:

- I. For the purposes of your application, it is sufficient to submit a digital copy of these documents. However, to obtain the Certificate of Equivalence to Portuguese High Education (required for applications via Specific Access), you must provide the Directorate-General for Education with legally valid (certified) copies, duly translated into Portuguese and duly validated with a Hague Apostille or consular validation.
- II. **Notarised copy:** this is a copy of a given document made by an authority with legal competence for that purpose, which certifies that the copy conforms to the original. These certified copies may also include legally valid translations.
- III. **International validation of documents** issued by official bodies in third countries
 - a. Hague Apostille: this is a formality by which the authenticity of public documents issued within the territory of a contracting state is certified, where such documents are to be presented within the territory of another contracting state to the same Convention, thereby conferring formal probative value upon them.
 - b. Countries that are not signatories to the Hague Convention must follow the procedure replaced by the Hague Apostille; in signatory countries, this is carried out by the consular services of the country where the documents to be validated were issued.

5. Submission of the application

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

6.

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

Specific Admission Competition for distance learning courses and competition for International Students:

Criterion (expressed on a scale of 0–200)	Weighting Coefficient
High education (or equivalent)	50%
Entrance Exams (total weighting)	(Σ) 50%
Mathematics A exam	25%
English Exam	25%

Competition for those aged 23 and over:

Criterion (expressed on a scale of 0–200)	Weighting Coefficient
Academic and professional background	25%
Interview	5 %
Written Exams (total weighting)	(Σ) 70%
Mathematics Test A	35%
English Test	35 %
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each component will be marked on a scale of 0 to 200. 2. Candidates who obtain a mark of less than 100 in the knowledge and skills test will be eliminated. 3. The application score is the sum of the marks for each component after the corresponding weighting has been applied. 	

The decision on whether a candidate passes is based on the jury awarding a final mark in the range 100–200 on the whole numerical scale of 0–200, which is the sum of the marks awarded

for each component, after weighting. There is a minimum application mark of 100 points. The results will be communicated to students via email, with the result expressed in one of the following forms:

- “Admitted”
- “**Not** admitted”

7. Organisation

The Bachelor’s degree programme lasts 3 years (180 ECTS) and is delivered via distance learning (DL). Teaching combines synchronous and asynchronous strategies.

- a) Synchronous classes usually take place on Thursdays and Fridays, between 11:00 and 15:00 (Mainland Portugal time)
- b) Asynchronous classes allow students to better manage their own timetables.

The course is taught entirely in English.

As the 1st Cycle in Data Science and Technology is delivered remotely and in a digital environment, all students must have a computer and broadband internet access in order to be able to follow and attend all teaching activities without restriction.

8. Tuition Fees, Charges and Fees

The amounts of fees, tuition fees and other charges are set annually and published in a separate document (Table of Tuition Fees, Fees and Charges), meaning that the amounts applicable in subsequent academic years may be subject to change.

The amounts for the 2026/2027 academic year can be found at https://braga.ucp.pt/sites/default/files/2026-04/Propinas%20Licenciatura%202026_2027_%20FFCS.pdf.

The amounts envisaged for each academic year can be found on the FFCS website, in the ‘**General** Information’ section (<https://ffcs.braga.ucp.pt/pt-pt/informacoes-globais>), accessible via the ‘**Programs**’ menu. Information regarding the tables of tuition fees, charges and fees will be available.

9. Enrolment

Enrolment details will be sent to successful applicants following the publication of results. For this process, you will need to pay the enrolment fee and provide the following documentation: The Enrolment Form must be completed fully and correctly. In case of any queries or difficulties, please contact Academic Services.

Important note: Failure to complete enrolment within the stipulated period will be deemed as withdrawal by the candidate.

Documents: Certified copies with an Apostille (or consular validation) of the identification documents and qualifications submitted digitally with the application must be sent by post to the Academic Services by the end of October, failing which the application will be cancelled.

Postal address of the Academic Services:

Attn: **Academic Services** of the
Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the
Portuguese Catholic University
Camões Campus – Braga
4710-362 Braga
PORTUGAL

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

10. Recognition of prior learning

You may apply for recognition of academic qualifications obtained in previous academic programmes and/or proven professional experience.

The recognition of prior learning and/or proven professional experience, when requested, will be carried out in accordance with the [Recognition Regulations](#) of the Portuguese Catholic University, and the applicable fees will be charged.

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