



## MASTER IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Following applicants can apply to the Master's Degree in Development Studies:

- a) Holders of a Bachelor's degree or legal equivalent;
- b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree conferred following a first cycle of study organized according to the Bologna process;
- c) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree that is recognized as satisfying the goals of a Bachelor degree.

### CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

The committee for the Analysis of Applications have approved the following selection and ranking criteria:

**a) Bachelor's degree Grade (Scale: 10-20; Weight = 30%)**

Value corresponding to the final classification obtained in the course. For candidates that hold more than one degree, the highest grade is considered.

**b) Suitability of the bachelor's degree to the course (Scale: 0-20; Weight = 10%)**

- 20 points - Very Adequate (Public Administration, International Relations, Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, African Studies, Asian Studies)
- 15 points - Adequate (Law, Geography, Management, Finance, European Studies or other Social and Human Sciences)
- 10 points - Less Adequate (Bachelor Degrees in other scientific fields)

**c) Academic and scientific curriculum (Scale: 0-20; Weight = 10%)**

To evaluate the academic curriculum complementary to the degree, a value of 0 to 20 points will be assigned depending on the degree of suitability of the academic training for the Master's degree, as follows:

- 20 points – Relevant postgraduate training/exchange experience and relevant published academic work

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- 15 points – Additional postgraduate training or relevant exchange experience; or published academic work
- 10 points – No training beyond the Bachelor's degree and absence of relevant exchange experience

## **d) Professional experience (Scale: 0-20; Weight = 20%)**

- 20 points – More than 5 years of experience in activities with significant relevance regarding the course
- 15 points – With 2 to 5 years of professional experience relevant to the course
- 10 points – With some experience with professional relevant for the course (up until 2 years)
- 10 points – With professional experience but not relevant to the course

## **e) Motivation for the course (Scale: 0-20; Weight = 30%)**

The motivation letter allows you to assess the degree of interest in the master's degree, the candidate's communication skills and development potential and can be complemented by an interview, if requested by the Application Analysis Committee.

Candidates are also offered the possibility of sending a presentation video, in which they highlight their academic and professional career, their personal characteristics and their motivation for pursuing the master's degree in Development Studies.

The final classification is calculated using the formula:  $0.30*A+0.10*B+0.10*C+0.20*D+0.15*E$  rounded to the nearest hundredth.

## **MINIMUM CLASSIFICATION SCORE**

Candidates with a final classification lower than 13 will not be selected (scale: 0-20).

## **TIE-BREAKER**

In the event of a tie in the final classification, candidates will be ranked according to their degree grade. If the tie remains, they will be ranked according to the motivation score for the course.

Candidates with a final classification lower than 13.0 values, but greater than or equal to 10.0 values, move to the next phase of applications, until the last phase with available places.

Only candidates who obtain a final classification equal to or greater than 50% of the maximum possible score may be admitted.

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## FOREIGN GRADE HOLDERS

Holders of certificates or diplomas issued by foreign higher education institutions must ensure that:

- The documents submitted in the application mention the final classification obtained for the completion of the degree, as well as the respective grade classification scale;
- They are accompanied by a document proving the curricular units taken for obtaining the degree, respective classifications and duration of the course;
- They are accompanied by a certified translation, when they are in a foreign language other than Spanish, French, or English.

Admitted candidates that hold a foreign degree are admitted conditionally and are subject to the internal recognition of the degree to pursue studies, as foreseen in the legislation.

## DOCUMENTS TO SUBMIT IN THE APPLICATION

The application is submitted exclusively online. It is mandatory to attach the following documents:

- 1) Photograph (headshot type);
- 2) Identification document (citizen card for national candidates and passport for foreign applicants);
- 3) Degree diploma with final course average\*
- 4) School transcript or official document with the curricular units completed and respective classifications;
- 5) Curriculum Vitae;
- 6) Motivation letter (included directly in the platform, in the space provided);
- 7) For the master's degree in English, preferably a Certificate of Proficiency in the English Language equivalent to IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 80 obtained in the last two years. This requirement does not apply to those who completed a degree in English.

## COMMITTEE FOR THE ANALYSIS OF APPLICATIONS

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