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Notice

Call for Applications for the Master's Degree in Social Policies and Regional Dynamics

Under the terms of Article 17 of the General Regulations for Master's Degrees of the University of the Azores, it is hereby announced that applications are open for the Master's Degree in Social Policies and Regional Dynamics, at the Ponta Delgada campus.

1. Vacancies

1.1. Number of vacancies:

a) National or equivalent applicants: 14

b) International applicants: 2

1.2. Vacancies for the 2nd phase: remaining vacancies from previous phase.

1.3. Use of vacancies: Unfilled vacancies in one category may be transferred to another after the end of the respective application phase and subject to a favorable opinion from the Course Director.

Note 1: A national or equivalent applicant is one who does not fall under the definition of an international student as provided in Article 3 of Decree-Law No. 62/2018 of August 6.

2. Access Conditions

2.1. Eligible applicants for the master's degree:

a) Holders of a bachelor's degree, or a legally equivalent qualification, in Sociology, Social Work, Psychology, Police Sciences, Law, Geography, History or Philosophy, Medicine, Nursing, Genetics, or related fields;

b) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree in the fields identified above, awarded following a 1st cycle of studies organised in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by a State adhering to this Process;

c) Holders of a foreign higher academic degree in the fields identified in paragraph (a), recognised as meeting the objectives of a bachelor's degree by the Scientific Council;



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d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum recognised by the Scientific Council as attesting the capacity to undertake the master's programme.

2.2. The recognition referred to in points b) to d) of paragraph 2.1 only grants access to the master's degree program and does not confer on its holder the equivalence to a bachelor's degree or the recognition of that degree.

3. Application Submission

3.1. Application deadlines:

1st Phase	
Application period	April 1 to May 31, 2026
Verification of applications	Until June 5, 2026
Selection and ranking of applicants	Until June 11, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	Until June 12, 2026
Publication of provisional ranking lists	Until June 12, 2026
Prior hearing (right to be heard)	June 15 to 17, 2026
Publication of final ranking lists	Until June 18, 2026
Enrollment and registration	June 18 to 21, 2026

2nd Phase	
Application period	June 22 to July 19, 2026
Verification of applications	Until July 22, 2026
Selection and ranking of applicants	Until July 28, 2026
Approval by the Scientific Council	Until July 28, 2026
Publication of provisional ranking lists	Until July 28, 2026
Prior hearing (right to be heard)	July 29 to 31, 2026
Publication of final ranking lists	Until August 3, 2026
Enrollment and registration	August 3 to 6, 2026



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3.2. Applications must be submitted exclusively electronically via the link available at <https://inforestudante.uac.pt/nonio/security/login.do>, and must include the following documents:

- a) Application form;
- b) Identification document (foreign applicants only);
- c) Motivation letter;
- d) *Detailed curriculum vitae (that allows for an assessment of merit or preference);*
- e) Certificates for all qualifications, indicating the grades obtained in each subject and the final course average;
- f) Supporting documents.

Note 3: Whenever the aforementioned documents are in a foreign language other than Spanish, French, or English, a translation into Portuguese by a translator recognized by the Portuguese diplomatic representation must be submitted.

3.3. Uploading documents and supporting documents electronically is mandatory and does not exempt the delivery of the original or duly authenticated documents to the Academic Management Service whenever the Academic Management Service deems it necessary.

3.4. All documents proving qualifications obtained abroad must be authenticated by the official education services of the respective country and contain the Apostille of the Hague Convention, the same applying to translations of documents whose original language is not Spanish, French, or English.

4. Application Fee and Tuition

4.1. The application fee is €70 (non-refundable). This payment must be made via ATM (payment details will be generated after the application is sealed) or at the University of the Azores treasuries in Ponta Delgada or Angra do Heroísmo.

Note 4: Only applications for which payment has been made within the application deadline will be considered valid.

4.2. Candidates who demonstrably reside abroad must make the payment within the deadline by bank transfer or [credit card](#). Proof of payment must be attached to the application form or sent to queroestudar@uac.pt.



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4.3. Enrolment and registration in the programme require the payment of tuition fees in the amount of €1,180 (one thousand one hundred and eighty euros) for national students or equivalent, and €2,500 (two thousand five hundred euros) for international students.

5. Admission and ranking

5.1. Candidates will be ranked based on the application of the following criteria:

- a) Academic curriculum, in particular the areas and classifications of undergraduate degrees and other higher academic degrees (70%);
- b) Scientific curriculum, in particular research experience and publications (10%);
- c) Professional experience (20%).

5.2. The evaluation of the candidates' curriculum and professional experience will be carried out based on the criteria contained in the attached grid (Annex I).

5.3. Whenever the number of applications is equal to or less than the total number of vacancies, and once the entry requirements have been verified, the candidates will not be ranked, and for the purpose of publishing the results, they will be presented in alphabetical order.

6. Announcement of results

6.1. The results of the applications are published on the University of the Azores' website.

6.2. Appeals may be submitted during the prior hearing periods indicated in the calendars for each application phase, by submitting a request for appeal against the application result at <https://infoestudante.uac.pt>.

6.3. The results of the appeals are published on the University of the Azores' website.

7. Registrations and enrollments

Registration and enrollment take place on the website infoestudante.uac.pt within the deadlines defined in point 3. Students who are not enrolled and registered are not allowed to attend classes.



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8. Start of course

The course will only run if a minimum number of students enroll.

9. Additional information

For further information, please consult the [General Regulations for Master's Degrees](#) at the University of the Azores, available on the University of the Azores website, or contact the Academic Management Service by telephone at 296650157 or by email at queroestudar@uac.pt.

Ponta Delgada, March 30, 2026,

The Vice-Rector for Teaching and Academic Management,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Suzana Nunes Caldeira".

Suzana Nunes Caldeira



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Annex I - Ranking Grid

Notice of the Entrance Examination for the Master's Degree in Social Policies and Regional Dynamics

Criterion	Weighting of the Criterion PC(1) (%)	Indicators (each scored between 0 and 200 points)	Indicator Weighting PI (%)
School Curriculum (CE)	70%	CEI1 - Bachelor's degree classification (10 points for each value obtained in the final course classification).	80%
		CEI2 - Other academic qualifications leading to a degree (to consider: quantity and alignment with the course's disciplinary area).	10%
		CEI3 - Other academic qualifications not leading to a degree (to consider: quantity, duration, and alignment with the course's disciplinary area).	10%
Sum =			100%
Scientific Curriculum (CC)	10%	CCI1 - Technical-scientific production in the disciplinary area of the study cycle or in related areas: works, books, book chapters, articles in scientific journals and in proceedings of scientific meetings, and participation in conferences, congresses, and other scientific and professional forums (considering: quantity, originality, diversity, scientific and/or professional autonomy).	60%
		CCI2 - Participation in scientific and/or professional projects in the disciplinary area of the study cycle or in related areas: participation in scientific and/or professional projects, with national, international, public or private funding, and in unfunded projects (considering the candidate's involvement and the quantity and quality of the projects - national or international).	10%
		CCI3 - Communications presented at scientific congresses and colloquia and other relevant scientific activity of the study cycle or in related areas (award and scholarship juries, integration of research units).	20%
		CCI4 - Participation in activities related to technical-scientific dissemination, technological, business and social innovation, and knowledge and technology transfer (considering: duration and scope of the role and its alignment with the disciplinary area of the study cycle).	10%



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			Sum =	100%
Professional experience (EP)	20%	EPI1 - Professional experience (considering: the relevance of the professional activity and the duration of its exercise).		70%
		EPI2 - Frequency of professional training actions not leading to an academic degree, including internships in a work context (considering: quantity, duration and alignment with the disciplinary area of the course).		20%
		EPI3 - Other relevant professional activities in the disciplinary area of the study cycle (considering: participation in professional associations and bodies and in undifferentiated projects that respond to societal challenges).		10%
			Sum =	100%

⁽¹⁾ Constant values from point 5.1 of the Entrance Examination Notice

School Curriculum Classification (0 – 200 points):

$$CE = (CEI1 \times PI) + (CEI2 \times PI) + (CEI3 \times PI)$$

Scientific Curriculum Classification (0 – 200 points):

$$CC = (CCI1 \times PI) + (CCI2 \times PI) + (CCI3 \times PI) + (CCI4 \times PI)$$

Professional Experience Classification (0 – 200 points):

$$EP = (EPI1 \times PI) + (EPI2 \times PI) + (EPI3 \times PI)$$

Final Classification (0 – 200 points):

$$Final\ classification = (CE \times PC) + (CC \times PC) + (EP \times PC)$$