



**University of Évora
University of the Azores**

Notice

**Opening of the Doctoral Programme
Political Theory, International Relations and Human Rights
Academic Year 2026/2027**

1. The Programme is Offered by

University of Évora – Institute for Advanced Studies and Research
University of the Azores

2. Joint Programme

a. Type of Consortium: National

b. Type of Partnership: Joint degree to be awarded by all partner institutions, in accordance with Article 42 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of March 24, in its current version

c. Type of Agreement: Shared application system (all partner institutions receive applications and may host students; the host institution is the higher education institution where the admitted candidate enrolls and pays tuition fees)

d. Coordinating Institution: University of Évora

e. Partner Institutions:

- University of Évora
- University of the Azores

f. University of Évora

- **Applications:** Coordinating Institution and Partner

g. University of the Azores

- **Applications:** Partner Institution

h. Joint Programme Committee:

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3. Presentation

The PhD in Political Theory, International Relations and Human Rights, jointly developed by the University of Évora and the University of the Azores, is distinguished by its focus on issues of citizenship and human rights, contextualised within the international system, shaped by heterogeneous and sometimes contradictory trends and forces.

Supported by a highly qualified academic staff and grounded in solid research experience within Centres of Excellence, this doctoral programme aims to develop in-depth theoretical knowledge which, in a versatile and transdisciplinary manner, fosters critical analysis and contributes innovatively and consistently to research at both national and international levels.

4. Career Opportunities

This doctoral programme enables graduates to pursue careers in academia, scientific research, specialised consultancy within European and international organisations, senior public administration, think tanks, and institutions dedicated to public policy. It also provides opportunities to follow a career in diplomacy or to work with NGOs.

5. Course Registration Number at Direção-Geral do Ensino Superior

R/A-Cr 224/2022

6. Course Accreditation Process Number by Agência de Avaliação e Acreditação do Ensino Superior

NCE/21/2100137

7. Legal Act Establishing the Programme

Portuguese Official Gazette (Diário da República)

8. Access and Admission Requirements

i Conditions for access to the study cycle leading to the doctoral degree

Applicants eligible for admission to the third cycle of studies leading to the doctoral degree are:

- Holders of a master's degree or a legally equivalent qualification;
- Holders of a bachelor's degree with an especially relevant academic or scientific curriculum, recognised as attesting the capacity to undertake this cycle of studies by the competent scientific body of the university or university institute where they intend to be admitted;
- Holders of an academic, scientific or professional curriculum recognised as attesting the capacity to undertake this cycle of studies by the competent scientific body of the university or university institute where they intend to be admitted.

ii Specific Admission Requirements

Eligible applicants:

- a) Holders of a master's degree in this field or related areas; holders of a bachelor's degree in this field or related areas obtained prior to the entry into force of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of March 24, and its subsequent amendments, provided that they also hold postgraduate university qualifications;
- b) Holders of a bachelor's degree in this field or related areas, provided that they have professional experience in practical domains related to this field, or whose curriculum demonstrates scientific interest in this doctoral programme.

9. Ranking Process:

- Academic qualifications: 70%
 - Field of qualifications: 60%
 - Level of qualifications: 40%
- Curriculum analysis: 20%
 - Scientific publications: 40%
 - Conference presentations: 20%
 - Professional training in the field of the programme or related areas: 20%
 - Participation in research projects and activities: 20%
- Interview: 10%
 - Specific vocational aptitude: 50%
 - Understanding of the programme's objectives and career opportunities: 50%

10. Number of Vacancies

- For applicants holding nationality of European Union countries: 15
- For applicants not holding nationality of European Union countries: 5

Depending on the number of applications, vacancies may be transferred between the application stream and the call for European Union students.

11. Application Submission

i) Applications will be processed according to the following schedule:

1st Phase	
Application period	April 30 to May 22, 2026
Validation	Until June 8, 2026
Selection and ranking of applicants	June 9 to 23, 2026
Announcement of results	Until June 26, 2026
Enrolment	June 26 to 30, 2026
Results after reallocations and/or redistribution of vacancies, if applicable	Until July 9, 2026
Enrolment after reallocations and/or redistribution of vacancies, if applicable	Within 3 days after notification of reallocation

2nd Phase	
Application period	July 21 to August 11, 2026
Validation	Until August 31, 2026
Selection and ranking of applicants	September 1 to 7, 2026
Announcement of results	Until September 11, 2026
Enrolment	September 11 to 15, 2026
Results after reallocations and/or redistribution of vacancies, if applicable	Until October 2, 2026
Enrolment after reallocations and/or redistribution of vacancies, if applicable	Within 3 days after notification of reallocation

NOTES:

The 2nd phase of applications is subject to the availability of remaining vacancies after placements, reallocations, and redistribution of vacancies in the previous phase.

International students may not apply to the 2nd phase, unless they already hold a visa or are already residing in Portugal.

ii. Applications must be submitted exclusively online via <https://infoestudante.uac.pt>, and must be accompanied by the following documents:

- a) Boletim de candidatura devidamente preenchido;
- b) Detailed curriculum vitae (allowing for an assessment of merit or preference), accompanied by the relevant supporting documents;
- c) Certificate(s) of qualifications, issued by the competent authority, indicating the grades obtained in each subject and the final course average;
- d) Motivation letter.

iii) Uploading documents and supporting evidence via the online portal is mandatory and does not exempt applicants from submitting the original or duly authenticated documents to the Academic Management Service whenever deemed necessary;

iv) All documents proving qualifications obtained abroad, whose original language is not Spanish, French, or English, must be submitted as certified translations.

12. Application fee

The application fee is €70 (non-refundable). This payment must be made via ATM (payment details are generated after the application is submitted) or at the treasury services of the University of the Azores in Ponta Delgada or Angra do Heroísmo. Only applications for which payment has been made within the application deadline will be considered valid.

Applicants 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.

13. Tuition Fee for the Academic Year

- Applicants holding nationality of European Union countries: €1,500.00
- Applicants not holding nationality of European Union countries: €2,500.00

14. Organisation / Duration – Tutorial System

- a) Duration of the doctoral programme: 8 semesters
- b) Number of ECTS credits required to obtain the degree: 240
- c) Number of ECTS credits required to complete the doctoral course (completion of the taught component): 90

15. Languages of Instruction: Portuguese

Although classes are taught in Portuguese, tutorial support is available in English, and materials in English are provided when there are students whose native language is not Portuguese.

16. Mode of Delivery: b-Learning

17. Attendance Regime: Hybrid

18. Operating Schedule (weekdays and timetable)

Monday: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The indicated schedule may be subject to change if circumstances so require.

19. Course Start Date: September 2026

The operation of the programme is subject to the enrolment of a minimum number of students.

Ponta Delgada, March 27, 2026

The Vice-Rector for Teaching and Academic Management



(Suzana Nunes Caldeira)