

PUBLIC NOTICE

2nd Cycle – LL.M in European and Transnational Business Law

2025-2026

In obedience to the Academic Regulation of the University of Minho, and its Rectoral Order RT-C-47/2022, of May 12th, it is hereby made the public announcement, to all those interested, concerning the application conditions to the LL.M in European and Transnational Business Law:

I. Contingent of Portuguese Applicants

1. Number of vacancies

Maximum number: 9

2. Lecturing language

English

3. Tuition fees

4.000,00€ per year, with the possibility of paying them in 10 monthly instalments.

4. Applications' period

1st phase: 4th to 15th July 2025

2nd phase: 3rd to 8th September 2025 (exceeding vacancies)

II. Contingent of International Applicants

1. International Student

The concept of international student is defined in the Portuguese Decree-Law 36/2014, of March 10th, in its current redaction, which has approved the statute of international student, enshrined under Articles 43 to 45 of the Academic Regulation of the University of Minho.

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GENERAL DISPOSITIONS ON THE ACCESS COMPETITION TO THE LL.M IN EUROPEAN AND TRANSNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW (NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENTS)

1. Required Habilitations

I. Those who can enroll in a Study Cycle that provides a master's degree – 2nd Cycle (as steaming from Article 165 of the Academic Regulation of the University of Minho):

- a) Applicants with an undergraduate degree or other legal equivalent;
- b) Applicants with a foreign higher academic degree that was issued after attending and being approved on a 1st cycle of studies that is promoted under the Bologna principles in a State that adhered to this process;
- c) Applicants with foreign higher academic degree that is acknowledged by the Scientific Council of the School of Law as meeting the objectives of an undergraduate degree;
- d) Applicants with an academic, scientific, and professional curricula that is acknowledged by the Scientific Council of the School of Law as certifying the ability of attending and being approved in this Study Cycle.

II. The acknowledgement that is mentioned under c) and d) has only the effect of accessing the Study Cycle that leads to the master's degree and it does not provide its holder the equivalence to the undergraduate degree or its acknowledgement.

III. Concerning d), Applicants should be, preferably, the author of, at least, three relevant publications in the juridical areas of the degree they are applying to. Notwithstanding, the Scientific Council of the School of Law will only evaluate the relevance of the academic, scientific, and professional curricula within the material area of the degree to which the candidate is applying for.

2. Applications' presentation

I) Applications' submission

Applications must be submitted through the Academic Portal:

II) Documentation

II.1) The Applicant must submit the following documents online:

- a) Habilitations' certificate, where it is settled in a discriminated way, all attended classes and respective final grade;
- b) Detailed Curriculum vitae;
- c) Copy of citizenship card or other identity document;
- d) Document that reveals the level of knowledge of the English language, when this is not the official language of the applicant's country of origin;
- e) Motivation letter in English;
- f) Two recommendation letters.

II.2) Taking into consideration the requirement of documental demonstration established under d) supra, applicants may be submitted to an oral examination of proficiency in English language.

III) Without jeopardizing what is enshrined in applicable international conventions, documents mentioned under a) of number II must be legalized in the terms of the Civil Procedural Code: "Authentic documents issued by a foreign country, in accordance with its legal setting, are considered as being legalized if the civil servant's signature is recognized by Portuguese diplomatic or consular agent in that country and this agent's signature is authenticated by its respective white consular stamp".

3. Selection's criteria

I) Applicants' selection is made by the Course's Commission, taking into consideration the following criterion:

- a) Preference order established by the applicant in relation to the Master's Course s/he wants to attend;
- b) Undergraduate's or equivalent degree's final grade that habilitates applicants to this LL.M, and others that were already accomplished by the applicants; and the final grade(s) of curricular unit(s) undertook in the undergraduate degree or legal equivalent degree that are relevant to the Study Cycle.

II) Students, selected and ordered, that do not have an available vacancy in the end of the 1st phase, are alternate applicants who can be called to enroll, using a supervenient vacancy.

III) Applicants referred to under d) of number 1 of this public notice ("Required Habilitations") will only be equated after the selection of other candidates.

4. Transition of vacancies between national and international contingents

In the end of the 1st phase of applications to international candidates, if this contingent's vacancies are not fully used, remaining ones can be converted to the 2nd phase of applications.

5. Results' dissemination

I) Under the mentioned criterion, the Course's Commission will evaluate and order applicants and it will provide a grounded public minute in which it will be included a list of admitted applicants (including alternate candidates) and a list of the non-admitted applicants.

II) Once the selection process is finished, decisions concerning classification and ordination of candidates will be published, as Public Notice, in the Academic Portal of the University of Minho, under: [Master Degrees](#).

6. Enrollment and registration

I) Admitted applicants shall proceed to their enrollment and registration, through the Academic Portal, in the deadline established in the public notice.

II) In case of express withdrawal of enrollment and registration, or because their respective proceeding was not accomplished, in 3-day period after the end of enrollment and registration's period, the School of Law, in articulation with USGA (Academic Management Services Unit), will contact potential alternate applicants to fill free vacancies, in the maximum deadline established by the School of Law.

III) Alternate Applicants have a non-extendable deadline of 3 days after the notification to enroll and register.

IV) Admission will only be effective for the academic year to which the study cycle has its beginning.

7. Course's Duration

Full-time: 3 semesters (90 ECTS)

N.B.: Frequency through half-time regime is also available.

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