



**EC2U**  
Joint Masters  
European Languages, Cultures  
and Societies in Contact

# MULTILATERAL MASTER'S DEGREE IN EUROPEAN LANGUAGES, CULTURES AND SOCIETIES IN CONTACT



## Welcome Guide



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## The EC2U Alliance: vision and objectives

The “European Campus of City-Universities” (EC2U) is a multicultural and multilingual alliance composed by a consortium of seven universities from four regions of the European Union: the University of Coimbra, the University of Salamanca, the University of Pavia, the University of Iasi, the University of Poitiers, the University of Turku, and the University of Jena. The project aims for the constitution of a virtual European campus by developing synergies for the creation of spaces for teaching, researching, and boosting cultural and sporting experiences connected to the civil society of the consortium’s cities. Following the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this broad vision is fulfilled, among other objectives, in the development of interuniversity master’s degree programmes, and in the creation of synergies for research, advanced training and extension.

This Multilateral Master’s echoes this vision in the area of Quality Education, proposing a ‘a la carte’ academic offer on linguistic, cultural and social diversity in Europe, both in presence and remotely. Sustained by a scheme of mandatory mobility among the partner universities, the student will obtain 30-90 ECTS in a minimum of two and a maximum of four universities of the EC2U Alliance. The student must also complete a master thesis co-supervised by members of two of the consortium institutions. By the end of the degree the student will be awarded his Master title by all the consortium institutions where they have successfully completed 30 ECTS, as well as a European certificate issued by the EC2U Alliance.

## **Multilateral Master’s Degree in European Languages, Cultures and Societies in Contact (MELCSiC)**

### Overview and general objectives:

Designed upon the existing academic offer, MELCSiC offers theoretical, methodological and practical training in the specific field of linguistic and cultural contact in European spaces and societies, answering to the challenges imposed by mobility and diversity. Its main target group is composed by students with higher education qualification in the areas of the Humanities and Social Sciences, enabling future professionals and researchers who intend to:

- Acquire deeper knowledge on linguistic and cultural landscapes in European societies;
- Deepen communication skills in multilingual and multicultural spaces;
- Develop sensibility and critical conscience regarding linguistic and cultural diversity;





- Develop and deepen intercultural competences adequate to the labour markets within the European space;
- Fostere and implemente advanced methods for research in the academic fields that tackle questions regarding linguistic and cultural diversity and contact.

#### Specific objectives of this study cycle:

- To build specific knowledge – departing from the fields of linguistics, literary and cultural studies, Humanities and Social Sciences –, both theoretical and methodological (archival, textual, material, and digital), based upon historical, cultural and linguistic European elements and their contact zones;
- To understand and articulate complex ideas autonomously, to identify and solve problems in an original way in the context of advanced studies (inter- and multidisciplinary levels) about linguistic, cultural and social contact;
- To develop skills of reflection, as well as ethical, critical and social conscience regarding the use of knowledge;
- To foster skills of analysis, synthesis and formulation, as well as planning and organization of knowledge, its communication to different audiences, teamwork and handling cultural diversity;
- To develop advanced critical research on the fields of intercultural dialogue and communication in international profesional contexts.



#### Professional outcomes:

Specialized professionals in European languages and cultures, intercultural communication, and management of cultural and linguistic diversity. Depending on the profile designed throughout the cycle, the professional goals may be: multilingual project management; diplomatic activities in intermediate or advanced positions, both in governmental and non-governmental organizations; teaching and research; linguistic services; social communication; management and consulting in sectors of mobility and cultural and linguistic mediation.



### Curricular structure:

The master's degree in the University of Coimbra is structured as follows:

- Three mandatory course units offered online by all the consortium's institutions: **Discourses in Europe; Research Methodologies in Literatures and European Modern Languages; Research Methodologies in European Cultures and Societies** (3 x 10 ECTS = 30 mandatory ECTS);
- Besides the mandatory online seminar in each of the first three semesters, the student defines their study plan according to the academic offer announced annually by each of the consortium institutions; these are optional course units in two major specialization areas: **a) Modern European Languages and Linguistics, or b) European Literatures, Cultures and Societies** (between 20 to 30 ECTS);
- The elaboration of a master thesis is mandatory in co-supervision (30 ECTS).
- OBS.: During the fourth semester, the students may apply for and carry out a traineeship period to support and provide data for the elaboration of the thesis.

**Total ECTS: 120**

### Curricular offer at FLUC

\*The curricular offer will be defined yearly by the Faculty's Scientific Committee.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> semesters – Optional courses\*

<i>Curricular Units</i>	<i>Scientific Area</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Working hours</i>	<i>Contact hours</i>	<i>ECTS</i>	<i>Observations</i>
<b>Multilinguismo e Diálogo Intercultural (Anexo G)</b>	LING	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in Modern European Languages and Linguistics
Aquisição e Aprendizagem de L2	LING	semestral	270	TP-45; OT-15	10	Optional in Modern European Languages and Linguistics
Português Pluricêntrico I	LING	semestral	270	TP-45; OT-15	10	Optional in Modern European Languages and Linguistics
Pragmática da Interlíngua	LING	semestral	270	TP-45; OT-15	10	Optional in Modern European Languages and Linguistics
Culturas Contemporâneas	CULT	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in European Literatures, Cultures and Societies



Cultura Inglesa	CULT	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in European Literatures, Cultures and Societies
Cinema e Outras Artes	A	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in European Literatures, Cultures and Societies
Temas de Literatura Comparada	LIT	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in European Literatures, Cultures and Societies
Linguagem e Escrita	H	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in European Literatures, Cultures and Societies
Teatro Português	A	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in European Literatures, Cultures and Societies

**2<sup>nd</sup> semester – Optional courses\***

<i>Curricular Units</i>	<i>Scientific Area</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Working hours</i>	<i>Contact hours</i>	<i>ECTS</i>	<i>Observations</i>
Estudos de Discurso	LING/LGT/CULT	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in Modern European Languages and Linguistics
Estudos de Língua e Cultura	LING/LGT/CULT	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in Modern European Languages and Linguistics
Português Pluricêntrico II	LING	semestral	270	TP-45; OT-15	10	Optional in Modern European Languages and Linguistics
Literatura e Artes	LIT	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in European Literatures, Cultures and Societies
Literatura Inglesa	LIT	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in European Literatures, Cultures and Societies
Literaturas de Língua Portuguesa	CL	semestral	270	TP-45; OT-15	10	Optional in European Literatures, Cultures and Societies
Oficina de Poesia	H	semestral	270	S-45; OT-10	10	Optional in European Literatures, Cultures and Societies



## Languages

Beyond being a multilateral study cycle, this is a multilingual master's degree. The student must demonstrate an advanced level (C1) of at least two European modern languages and proficiency in the English language. If the student demonstrates an advanced intermediate level (B2), they shall be committed to improve their linguistic knowledge as way to prepare and adapt to the demands of the institutions they wish to enrol in. By designing the study plan, the student may opt for course units in Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, French, German, Finnish, Romanian and English.

## Mobility

Mobility is an essential part of this master's degree. The student will have to spend at least two semesters in different partner universities (in the second, third or fourth semester). It is mandatory for mobility at a different to take place in the third semester.

The student is free to choose in which university(ies) they wish to undertake their mobility period(s). The organization of student mobility will be articulated between the EC2U Universities Alliance's international relations offices, through means and grants available to all partners (Erasmus+, for example).

## Application calendar (according to the available calendar for 2023/24)\*

1<sup>st</sup> Phase– 1 to 31 March 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – 1 June to 14 July 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Phase – 1 to 13 September 2023

\*The application calendar at the UC varies annually. Please see the updated version on the UC's website: <https://www.uc.pt/en/applications/2023-2024-masters-degree-courses/fluc/applications-calendar/>.

## Academic calendar

Dates and deadlines related to the start and end of term, school breaks and evaluation periods can be seen here: <https://www.uc.pt/en/academicos/regulamentos/calendario>.





## Guidelines for Orientation



### Getting to Coimbra

**By plane:** **International Airports** nearer to Coimbra are located in **Lisbon** (190 km away) and in **Porto** (120 km away).

Intercity **trains** and **express buses** to Coimbra run every hour and it takes about 2 hours from **Lisbon** and 1h30m from **Porto**.

**By train:** Comboios de Portugal (CP) – Check the [website](#) for more information on timetables and prices.

- If you are travelling from **Lisbon**, you will need to take the metro or to catch a taxi to Lisboa Oriente railway station.
- If you are travelling from **Porto**, you will need to take the metro or to catch a taxi to Porto Campanhã railway station.

**By express bus:** Check the [website](#) of the **Rede Nacional de Expressos – Express Buses Network** to check the timetable and prices. **Flixbus** also operates bus services. Check the [website](#) for the timetable and prices.

- If you are travelling from **Lisbon**, you will need to get to Sete Rios Bus Station “Terminal Rodoviário” by taxi or metro. Express buses to Coimbra run every hour and you should expect the journey to take approximately 2h30m.
- If you are travelling from **Porto**, you will need to travel by taxi or metro until the Campo 24 de Agosto. From there, walk to the Bus Station “Terminal Rodoviário”, Street: “Campo 24 de Agosto, 125”. Express buses to Coimbra run every hour and you should expect the journey to take approximately 1h30m.

**By airport shuttle:** the shared transfer service Coimbra Airport Shuttle offers daily shuttles going to or departing from the airports of Lisbon and Porto. Check the [website](#) of the Coimbra Airport Shuttle to check the timetable and prices.

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## Faculty of Arts and Humanities (FLUC)

With more than a century of existence, the Faculty of Arts and Humanities is the school of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Coimbra.

FLUC is one of the most prestigious educational institutions in the country, with a very rich history, a strong international vocation and which reinvents itself every day in concrete practices designed to make it a benchmark. It is a living and active school.

To attend FLUC is to live an intense cultural experience. It means coming into contact with an enormous diversity of knowledge. It means getting to know more. Above all, it is a path that prepares students to meet the challenges of the future.

Website: <https://www.uc.pt/en/fluc/>

## Social Services of the UC (SASUC)

According to the Statutes of the University of Coimbra, SASUC is one of the central units and services of the University of Coimbra responsible for developing university social action within the scope of this institution. Its mission is defined as:

*"The Social Action Services of the University of Coimbra (SASUC) pursue the objectives assigned to them by law, supporting students:*

*a) With direct social support measures: scholarships and emergency aid;*

*b) With indirect social support measures: access to food and accommodation, access to health services, support for cultural and sporting activities, and access to psycho-pedagogical support and other educational support."* (Statutes of the University of Coimbra, article 28, no. 1)

SASUC provides services and assistance with accommodation, canteens and medical support, among others. Please see the website: <https://www.uc.pt/en/sasuc> and the full contacts, location and service list: <https://www.uc.pt/en/sasuc/Location-Contacts-and-Reception-Hours>.



## Academic Management Services (SGA)

The Academic Management Services (SGA) are responsible for supporting the management, organisation and provision of services concerning degree and non-degree courses at the University of Coimbra, and the corresponding support to the Applicants, Students, Alumni, and others that request their services.

The set of services that are provided include the academic procedures developed within the scope of an academic path at the UC, from the application to the issuance of a diploma, as well as the more specific services such as the recognition of a foreign degree or diploma, the management of tenure exams, Aptitude Exams to perform the functions of scientific coordination and the special system for thesis submission. The SGA is also responsible for the in-person, email, and telephone/skype assistance, which are provided within the scope of all the aforementioned issues and audiences.

Website: <https://www.uc.pt/en/sga/>



## Libraries

As a UC student you will benefit from a vast network of libraries and archives, which will help you in your academic endeavours. FLUC has its own library (located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor), and right in front of the building you can find the General Library – the largest library and archive in the city. You are also welcome to use the Library ‘Norte/Sul’ at the Centre for Social Studies of the UC (CES-UC).

Find more information on the library network here: <https://www.uc.pt/en/sibuc>.



## Getting to know your new city

*“One of the most important cities in Portugal, Coimbra, beautifully embraced by the Mondego River, was once the capital of the Portuguese kingdom and continues to be a deeply fascinating city, owner of a glorious History, magnificent monuments and historical landmarks. The ancient University of Coimbra, classified as UNESCO World Heritage site, is a lighthouse of knowledge, as well as an enduring symbol of the Portuguese-speaking world.”* (Center of Portugal Tourism Office).



Please visit the website of the Center of Portugal Tourism Office to find out more about your new city, where to go, what to see, and how to enjoy your free time in your new home with your new friends: <https://www.centerofportugal.com/destination/coimbra>.

Make sure to visit the Tourism Office of the UC. As a UC student you can benefit from discounts in your visit to these emblematic spaces, such as the Royal Palace, the Joanine Library, the Botanical Garden and the Cabinet of Curiosities: <https://visit.uc.pt/en>.

