

Free Mover Programme Regulation

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I – General Provisions

Article 1

Scope

This regulation defines the rules for the incoming Free Mover Student, within the scope of courses ministered at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra, henceforth FMUC.

Article 2

Free Mover student concept

A student from a non-partner University is designated as a Free Mover student, that is, a student from an institution with which the FMUC does not have any mobility agreement, who intends to attend the FMUC, as well as a student from a partner University, who has already taken advantage of the opportunity to carry out an academic mobility.

Article 3

Eligibility

Only those who have cumulatively completed at least 2 academic years at their home University, have a minimum level of knowledge of Portuguese, and present proof of agreement from their home University will be accepted as a Free Mover student.

Article 4

Duration

The period of this mobility program at the FMUC can take place in a maximum of two semesters.

II – Specific provisions

Article 5

Vacancies

1. Considering the number of vacancies available in each academic year for the Integrated Masters in Medicine (IMM) and Dentistry (IMD), the acceptance of the Free Mover student is subject to approval by the FMUC International and Interinstitutional Relations Office, hereinafter IRO.

2. The FMUC may receive, in each academic year:

a) For the IMM, 6 students for Study mobility (undertaking course units) and 6 students for Internship mobility - 3 in the 1st semester, and 3 in the 2nd semester (undertaking clinical internships in a hospital context);

b) For the IMD, 3 students for Study mobility (undertaking course units) and 3 students for Internship mobility (undertaking clinical internships in the field of Dentistry).

3. If there is a student interested in Free Mover mobility, in a non-undergraduate course at the FMUC, the approval is subject to authorization from the IRO Board and the Course Coordinator.

Article 6

Selection Process

1. Students interested in a Free Mover mobility must express their intention, by sending an email to the IRO within the deadlines defined in the following article, after which a selection of applicants will take place through curriculum evaluation. If it does not prove to be sufficient for the selection process, an interview will be held remotely.

2. The selection process takes place in the following periods:

a) Until the 15th of June, for students who intend to carry out a Free Mover mobility during the 1st semester of the following academic year;



b) Until the 15th of November, for students who intend to carry out a Free Mover mobility during the 2nd semester of the following academic year.

Article 7

Application and deadlines

1. Once the selection process is over, the student must submit the application, obligatorily in accordance with the procedure defined at www.uc.pt/en/driic/estudantesIN/CandidatIN/, whose application guide, before starting to fill in the application, must be read in full.

2. Application deadlines are:

a) Until the 15th of July, for a 1st semester or annual mobility;

b) Until the 15th of December, for a 2nd semester mobility.

Article 8

Withdrawal of application

In case of withdrawal, new applications will not be accepted for the remaining vacancies.

Article 9

Registration credits

Unless authorized by the Departmental Coordinator, that is, the person responsible for drawing up study agreements and academic recognition of mobility students, Free Mover students can enrol in a maximum of 30 ECTS per semester.

Article 10

Study Agreement

1. The feasibility of the proposed Study Agreement will be analysed by the FMUC Mobility Coordinator and/or by the Course Coordinator, and, whenever justified, a reformulation will be requested from the student.



2. The Free Mover student has the possibility to choose course units from IMM and IMD, provided that the respective Mobility Coordinator authorizes it.
3. Once the Study Agreement is approved and the Free Mover student submits the application, no changes can be made.

Article 11

Academic fees

1. Free Mover students will have to pay an enrolment/attendance fee to the University of Coimbra, henceforth UC, which includes school insurance, variable depending on the number of ECTS credits of the selected course units and the Faculty to be attended.
2. At the FMUC, the amount charged is 80 euros for each unit of credit, which is updated every academic year, in August, by the General Council of the UC.

Article 12

Academic Recognition

The Free Mover student must verify with the Home Institution that the Study Agreement carried out at the FMUC is recognized after the mobility.

Article 13

Duties and Rights

1. The duties of the Free Mover student are:
 - a) Possess minimum knowledge of the Portuguese language to be able to follow classes or internships;
 - b) Deal with all legal matters related to his/her status as a foreign citizen;
 - c) Behaving appropriately to his/her status, under the terms and in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations for Students of the UC.

2. Notwithstanding the specificities mentioned in this regulation, Free Mover students enjoy the same rights, services and equipment as regular students of the FMUC.

3. All other duties and rights that are not specifically contemplated in this article are expressly provided for in article 26 of the FMUC's Mobility Programs Regulation.

Article 14

Assessment

1. Free Mover students under study mobility are entitled to the same examination period as Incoming students and regular students from the FMUC.

2. All situations not specifically contemplated in this article are expressly provided for in articles 27, 28 and 29 of the FMUC's Mobility Programs Regulation.

Article 15

Non-compliance

Non-compliance with the norms of this Regulation may determine sanctions for the Free Mover student, such as the non-recognition of the period of study and the cancellation of his/her registration at the FMUC.

III– Insurance and Accommodation

Article 16

Insurance

Every mobility student duly enrolled at the UC is covered by personal accident insurance for school activities, as per information at: https://www.uc.pt/academicos/inscricoes/seguro_escolar. Any other type of insurance is the student's responsibility.

Article 17

Accommodation



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The application for accommodation in the UC Residences by a Free Mover student requires prior acceptance of the application for the mobility program.

IV-Final Provisions

Article 18

Integration of loopholes

Doubts raised in the execution of this Regulation, as well as omissions, will be submitted to the Departmental Coordinator, as defined in article 9 of this Regulation, with the decision being appealed to the Dean of the FMUC.

Article 19.

Implementation

This Regulation comes into force in the academic year 2022-23.