



PUBLIC NOTICE 2025/2026

CHANGE OF INSTITUTION/COURSE PAIR

Change of institution/course pair occurs when a student enrolls/registers at an institution/course pair different from that in which was registered in the preceding academic years. A change of institution/course pair may occur with or without cancellation of enrolment or registration at a higher education institution.

Change of institution/course pair is not allowed in the same academic year that a student was placed, enrolled and registered, under any entry regime, at another institution/course pair (Artigo 19.º da Portaria 181-D/2015, de 19 de junho).

Change of institution/course pair it is not allowed to Holders of a Senior Technician Professional Diploma or corresponding level of foreign course for undergraduate study cycles.

May require the Change of Institution/Course Pair:

- Those who have been enrolled and registered at another institution/course pair of Higher Education but have not completed the studies;
- Those who have taken the exams corresponding to the entrance exams required for that pair (FCUL) and for that year under the general access system;
- Those who have achieved the minimum marks required by the higher education institution (FCUL), for that year, under the general access system.

The examinations may have been carried out in any school year.

Students whose enrolment has expired (Eligibility Regulation of the University of Lisbon) may only apply to this regime after two semesters have elapsed since the loss of eligibility.

Applicable Legislation:

[Portaria 181-D/2015, de 19 de junho](#) (in its current version)

[Decreto-Lei n.º 296-A/98, de 25 de setembro](#) (in its current version)

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Students who have been enrolled and registered at a foreign higher education institution may require the Change of Institution/Course Pair, provided that:

- They are or have been enrolled and registered at a foreign higher education institution, recognized as such by that same country, and have not completed the programme;
- They have taken the national secondary school exams corresponding to the entrance exams set by FCUL for that year under the general access regime;
 - For students who hold foreign Secondary School, legally equivalent to Portuguese secondary education, the national secondary school examinations need to correspond to entrance exams set by FCUL for the course they are applying for. These are met by the application of Artigo 20.º-A do Decreto-Lei n.º 296-A/98, de 25 de setembro, in its present form and in accordance with Deliberação CNAES 414/2023, de 18 de abril and Deliberação n.º 674/2025, de 22 de maio;
- They have, in these exams, the minimum classification required by FCUL, in that year, under the general access regime.

Students who entered higher education through the special competition for “Over 23 years” may require the Change of Institution/Course Pair.

For students who entered higher education through a special competition for "Over 23 Years", the entrance exams (national exams) may be replaced by assessment tests for access to higher education for more than 23 years, required by FCUL to the course to which they intend to apply, and:

- Students who carried out the tests “Over 23 years old” in FCUL, not need to present the exams;
- Students who have approved in the exams “Over 23 years old” in another pair institution/higher education course, will have to request, before application deadline, the request for validation of the same with the Department of Academic Affairs at the Rectory of the University of Lisbon (artigo 16.º do Despacho n.º 1700/2025, de 5 de fevereiro).

Application Deadline: 14th July to 01st August 2025

Vacancies: (see attached table)

Application fee: 60.00 Euros

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Needed documents to upload:Applicants coming from Portuguese Higher Education Institutions:

- Identity Document and Tax File Number - optional;
- Photocopy of ENES Form;
- Certificate of registration/enrollment in the higher education institution if not have approvals in curricular units or certificate of approved curricular units, with the corresponding credits (ECTS) and the grades obtained (not applicable to FCUL students);
- Declaration that the applicant is not covered by the eligibility regime (not applicable to FCUL students).

Applicants coming from Foreign Higher Education Institutions:

- Identity Document and Tax File Number - optional;
- Certificate of conclusion of the non-Portuguese secondary education course and the respective classification ^{a)};
- Certificate of equivalence to Portuguese secondary education issued by the competent national authority;
- Documentation proving the marks obtained in the final exams corresponding to the entrance exams set by FCUL for that year under the general access regime ^{a)};
- Certificate of registration/enrollment in foreign higher education establishment, stating that the course is recognized as superior by the legislation of the country concerned ^{a)};
- Certificate of approved subjects in foreign higher education with the corresponding credits (ECTS) and the marks obtained, with explanation of the grading scale used in the country of origin ^{a)};

^{a)} If obtained outside of an EU institution, documents must be certified by a Portuguese consular authority in the country of origin or recognized with the Hague Apostille by the competent authority of the State (official education services) where the document was issued. Documents not issued in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish must be translated into one of these languages.

Selection criteria:

1. Best average of access to the course, based on the criteria for the year in which you are applying [50% - final mark in high school (12th grade); 50% - mark in the specific exam(s)];
2. In case of a tie, the best score in the national secondary school exams corresponding to the entrance exams set by FCUL in the year of application, under the general access regime (best score in the specific exams - national exams);
3. In case of a tie, highest number of credits (ECTS) already made in the predominant scientific area of the course you are applying.

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ATTENTION:

- The fee must be paid by the application deadline, otherwise the application will be rejected;
- Students must have their tuition fees paid;
- Applications which are not accompanied by all the requested documents will be rejected;
- There is no refund of the application fee when there is any situation that makes it impossible to enroll/registered, namely in case of exclusion, non-placement or withdrawal.

Regime for Change of Institution/Course Pair - Vacancies 2025/2026

Courses	Change of Institution/Course Pair
Biology	33
Biochemistry	13
Biomedical Engineering and Biophysics	5
Energy and Environmental Engineering	5
Geospatial Engineering	1
Informatics Engineering ¹	19
Applied Statistics	5
Physics	6
Engineering Physics	6
Geology	13
Mathematics	9
Applied Mathematics	15
Meteorology, Oceanography and Geophysics	4
Chemistry	4
Technological Chemistry	2
Information Technologies	11
TOTAL	151

¹There are no vacancies for the 2nd and 3rd year.

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