

Recognition of academic degrees awarded by foreign higher education institutions (Decree-Law 66/2018_August 16)

Guiding principles

(Deliberation of the Scientific Council of the School of Sciences on September 19, 2019)

Guiding principles for degree-level and degree-specific recognition in the School of Sciences

- The jury must include the Director of the Course of the University of Minho, for which recognition has been requested;
- At least 80% of the main scientific area(s) of the University of Minho bachelor degree must be equivalent to the contents taught in the foreign course.
- At least 50% of the other scientific areas of the University of Minho bachelor degree must be equivalent to the contents taught in the foreign course;
- the foreign course must have a minimum duration of six months.

Guiding principles for level and master-degree-specific recognition in the School of Sciences

- The jury must include the Director of the Course of the University of Minho, for which recognition has been requested;
- At least 80% of the main scientific area(s) of the University of Minho master degree must be equivalent to the contents taught in the foreign course.
- At least 50% of the other scientific areas of the University of Minho master degree must be equivalent to the contents taught in the foreign course;
- The total duration of the applicant's undergraduate and graduate courses completed by the applicant abroad, must be at least of 6 semesters of undergraduate and 4 semesters of graduate;
- The dissertation submitted by the applicant at the foreign institution must have at least the same requirements as those usually required by the Director of the Course of the University of Minho course, for which recognition has been requested.

Guiding principles for level and specific recognition of the doctoral degree in the School of Sciences

- The jury must include the Director of the Course of the University of Minho, for which recognition has been requested;
- The thesis that was defended by the applicant at the foreign institution must have at least the same requirements as those mentioned in the University of Minho Academic Regulations, article 176, related to the awarding of doctoral degrees:

“The degree of doctor is awarded to those who demonstrate:

- a) The capacity for systematic understanding in a scientific field of study;*
- b) Competencies, abilities and research methods associated with a scientific field;*
- c) The capacity to design, plan, adapt and carry out significant research, respecting the requirements imposed by academic quality and integrity standards;*
- d) Having carried out a significant set of original research works that have contributed to broadening the frontiers of knowledge, part of which deserving of national or international dissemination in publications with recognised selection committees;*
- e) The capacity to critically analyse, assess and summarise new and complex ideas;*
- f) The capacity to communicate with their peers, the wider academic community and society in general about the area in which they specialised;*
- g) The capacity to, in a knowledge-based society, encourage technological, social or cultural progress in an academic or professional setting “*

- In the case of the doctoral programs, the contents of the main scientific area(s) of the UMinho doctoral program must be at least 80% equivalent to the contents taught in the foreign course;
- The contents of the other scientific areas of the UMinho doctorate must have at least 50% equivalence to the contents taught in the foreign course;
- The foreign course must have a minimum duration of six semesters.

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