

MASTER DEGREE IN ADMINISTRATION AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Objectives

Several facets of the regional development are characterized more and more for a process of growing complexity that presupposes a systemic understanding of the social, political, economical and environmental dimensions, as well as of his interactions. The use of these dimensions in the daily acting of the public administration can be reached only by means of the integration of several theoretical and methodological contributions, converting research into new knowledge which can contribute for the improvement of the everyday public intervention.

The major objectives are:

- a) To contribute to a better understanding of the expected role from the public administration and from the respective leadership, understanding aspects such as to transparency, the responsibility, the enterprising management, the government in the optics of the citizens, the conflict of interests, between others.
- b) To develop the skills of the high-qualified staff to act in the field of Public Administration, with a view to generate new knowledge and the introduction of innovative procedures and techniques.
- c) To stimulate the development of a new administrative mentality in the human resources specialized in Administration and Regional Development, having in consideration the context of the integration of the Country in the European Union.
- c) To deepen the new public management and his organizational culture, the evaluation and the performance of services and officials and the establishment of good practices.

Organization

The course of master's degree gets organized in unities of credit, in accordance with the European system of transfer of credits (ESTC). The course will have 120 ESTC, and it has the duration of two years, divided, respectively, between a course of corresponding specialization to four terms, with 3 units each and each unity with 5 ESTC, totalising 60 ESTC and the preparation of a scientific dissertation, corresponding to one year and to a total of 60 ESTC.

Plan of studies

ECTS	Curricular Unit	Year and quarterly	Scientific Area
5	European Integration and National Administration	1st; 1st	Economics
5	Organization and Public Management	1st; 1st	Management
5	Research Methods and Data Analysis	1st; 1st	Quantitative Methods
5	Regional Development Economics	1st; 2nd	Economics
5	Public Accounting	1st; 2nd	Management
5	Regional Analysis Methods	1st; 2nd	Economics
5	Administration and Regional Policy	1st; 3rd	Economics
5	Innovation Economics	1st; 3rd	Economics
5	Local Finance	1st; 3rd	Economics
5	Administration and Environment Policy	1st; 4th	Economics
5	Municipal Management	1st; 4th	Management
5	Organizational Performance in the Public Services	1st; 4th	Quantitative Methods
60	Dissertation	2nd	Economics

Career Opportunities

The Master Course is addressed to those who want to apply for senior leadership of government - central and local - and public institutes and enterprises.

The Master Course is intended for candidates who have completed the 1st cycle in Social Sciences, Business Administration, Economics, Management, International Relations and related areas who wish to acquire and deepen their knowledge in the areas of Economics and Management applied to the Public Administration and Regional Development.

Access conditions

The candidate to the Master degree of Administration and Regional Development must fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

- a) Hold a graduate degree from a Portuguese University;
- b) Hold a graduate degree from a European University adherent to the Bologna principles;
- c) Hold a foreign degree recognized as a suitable graduate degree by the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Economics of the Universidade do Algarve;
- d) Have relevant professional or scientific curriculum vitae, recognized by the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Economics of the Universidade do Algarve as able to successfully conclude the objectives of this Master course.

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