



Master's in Law and Management

The law of success

Presentation

Those aiming to make or support financial and economic decisions increasingly need an integrated vision of law and management. Understanding the economic landscape in which legal practice and consultancy operate requires the ability to provide information based on rigorous, comprehensive and increasingly interdisciplinary specialised knowledge.

The **Master in Law and Management** combines the excellence, innovation and creativity of the two schools that offer and coordinate it — NOVA School of Law and **Nova SBE** — **to develop the skills needed to foster an integrated dialogue between the legal and business worlds**. The programme ensures mastery of essential management concepts and methodologies, integrating them into legal and business thinking, practice and communication.

In terms of law, the Master's degree comprises three complementary specialisms, enabling micro-specialisation and strengthening the capacity for a global understanding of companies and business in the following areas: **Tax; Tech Management and Entrepreneurship; and Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance, ESG Risk Management and Corporate Sustainability**. The programme also covers key areas of Management, such as **Finance, Marketing, Strategy and Human Resources Management**.

With restricted numbers, **learning is personalised**, focusing on the most relevant topics and international best practices without compromising on solid conceptual and methodological training or the encouragement of autonomy and empowerment for future professionals.

The programme nurtures leadership skills and the ability to support major economic operations. Its close connection to practice and employer needs ensures **high employability**.

The Master's in Law and Management is a creation of a partnership bringing together Nova School of Business and Economics (Nova SBE**) and NOVA School of Law (NOVA Law).**

Understanding the economic world in which advocacy and consultancy is located implies the ability to provide information built on rigorous, complete and increasingly interdisciplinary expertise. The course covers four of the five areas of Business Management. Regarding Law, Mergers & Acquisitions and Corporate Governance are the core of the training and three complementary tracks are presented to the student, in order to enable micro specializations and reinforce the global understanding of companies and businesses. Due to the restricted numerus clausus,

learning is personalized, based on the most relevant subjects and international best practices and does not abdicate from providing a solid conceptual and methodological formation. Autonomy and hands-on training is encouraged.

Language of instruction::

- Primary: English (required)
- Secondary: Portuguese (not required)

This master's is taught in English.

In the first semester, Management courses will be taught at the **Carcavelos Campus**. The remaining classes will be taught at the Campolide Campus (NOVA School of Law).

Why choose this Master's ?

- **An interdisciplinary programme** combining Law and business, connecting legal and management perspectives in a dual digital and physical economy.
- **Practice driven and international training**, taught in English, covering M&A, ESG, taxation and corporate governance through real world cases.
- **Flexible specialisation tracks** in Tax, Tech Management or ESG Risk Management, with access to THEMIS international mobility at top universities to shape a distinctive profile.



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Coordination



Pedro Caetano Nunes



Vasco Santos



Claire Bright

Scientific Commission

President: Vasco Santos (common core Management) | **Board Members:** Rita Calçada Pires (*tax path* and research phase) | Pedro Caetano Nunes (*tech management* common core Law) | Claire Bright (Emerging technologies: governance and regulation)

Goals

The aim is to provide fundamental management knowledge, particularly in the areas of marketing, strategy and human resources management.

Student Path

The programme covers four of the five major areas of Management, namely **Finance, Marketing, Strategy** and **Human Resources Management**.

The sequence “Accounting – Finance – Corporate Restructuring – Alliances: Organisational Integration” forms the backbone of the Management component.

Marketing, Microeconomics, Competition and Regulation, and Negotiation cover other areas that lawyers must master if they want to interact successfully with managers and other decision-makers in large companies.

Thus, the subjects in the area of **Management** are: Business Management, Accounting and Corporate Finance, Business Economics and Negotiation (Strategy). All are taught at the level of a Master's in International Management, listed in the Financial Times ranking, paying particular attention to the needs and background of a young lawyer.

In the legal field, the essential core of the training is in Mergers & Acquisitions and Corporate Governance, to which three complementary paths are added, allowing for micro-specialisations and strengthening the capacity for a global understanding of companies and business: (i) Tax; (ii) Tech Management; and (iii) ESG Risk Management and Corporate Sustainability.

It is also possible to attend specialised training in Legal English (1st semester).

The end of the learning process, in the 3rd semester, promotes the increasing autonomy of the student, through research and critical analysis of the legal-business system. It is possible to choose between a dissertation, a project or an internship report.

In order to guarantee personalised and specialised support, the Law & Management Wheel of Ideas will be available this academic year. Shared between NOVA School of Law and Nova SBE, it allows students to choose the topic of their research from a list of topics and supervisors, allowing the integration of teaching, research and practice, while accompanying the student to generate research with authentic academic and professional impact.

Target Applicant

Law graduates who, in their professional career, want to combine legal and management areas. Candidates with a background in law will be given preference in admission. However, holders of any bachelor's degree or equivalent are eligible to apply.

Timetable

This course is taught during working hours*.

**Some Optional Curricular Units may have schedules that do not match the timetable of the course*

Certification

Study Cycle	Degree	A3ES Decision	Number of Years
Publication of the A3ES decision	DGES registration number	Regulation/Study Plan	Law and Management

Master	accredited	6	14-11-2025 Documents relating to the accreditation process
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Employability

The Master's degree in Law and Management prepares students for professional careers requiring a solid combination of legal and management skills. This programme responds to the needs of today's organisations and markets. Graduates are qualified to work in transnational law and legal consulting, as well as in regulatory bodies and public entities, and as in-house lawyers in national and international companies.

Research with Impact

The [Knowledge Centres at the NOVA School of Law](#) provide Master's students with the opportunity to conduct scientific research in a variety of legal fields.

Find out more about the Knowledge Centres that complement the Master's in Law and Management and enrich your research journey

- [NOVA Business, Human Rights and the Environment](#)
- [NOVA Tax Research Lab](#)

Testimonials

When I decided to pursue this Master's, what attracted me was the combination of Corporate Law and Tax. However, I realised that the program's flexibility allowed me to tailor my studies to a much broader range of interests. With a solid background in Law, I had the freedom to explore topics crucial to the activities of corporations, such as Accounting and Corporate Finance, but also Fintech and Intellectual Property. I highly recommend the Master's in Law & Management, an interdisciplinary partnership through NOVA, for those seeking innovation and a rewarding opportunity to expand their skills.



Constança Mendoza Fortuna
Law graduate UCP | Tax consultant at KPMG Tax & Legal

The Master's in Law and Management program was an exceptional journey that effectively merged legal expertise with managerial knowledge. The interdisciplinary approach allowed me to understand the complexities of both fields, providing a comprehensive skill set. The collaborative environment, experienced faculty, and practical case studies enriched my learning experience, preparing me for leadership roles that require a nuanced understanding of both law and management. I recommend this master's program to those who value rigorous thinking, who wish to be challenged and who value a practical approach to legal training.



Bruno Martins
Law Graduate | Legal Advisor at Banco de Portugal - Legal Enforcement Department

The MLM has propelled both myself and my career! It was an enriching experience, combining diligent academic coursework with practical insights into the intersection of legal frameworks and management principles. Our professors were exceptionally engaged, bringing a wealth of knowledge and real-world expertise to the classroom. Their commitment to our learning and professional growth was evident in every lecture and discussion, fostering an environment of intellectual curiosity and critical thinking. Themis allowed me to excel my career even more. This degree has equipped me with a robust skill set, preparing me for dynamic challenges in my career!



Justin Heyer
Ph.D. Student (Management) and Research Assistant, WHU

I recommend this Master's program to those seeking a challenging yet enriching academic journey that seamlessly integrates legal expertise with a deep understanding of modern global business intricacies. Personally, I found the program's multidisciplinary approach and focus on M&A and corporate governance invaluable, setting a strong foundation for my career as a transactional lawyer. Additionally, the diverse international student body and involvement in NOVA's esteemed student clubs broadened my horizons and offered important networks to further explore my interests.



Lilli Neubauer
Transaction Lawyer – Clifford Chance

The Master's in Law and Management has revealed itself to be the best choice, with the opportunity to learn management skills through interactive and fruitful discussions and with a program tailored for backgrounds in law. I recommend the program for those looking to discuss and deepen their knowledge of legal challenges, present and future, such as sustainability and digital transition, lectured by specialists with an international background. The value given to impactful research at NOVA along with the teaching focused on corporate legal issues provided me with a robust skill set and dynamic career pathways.



Luís Prata e Castro
Law Graduate and Research Associate at the Nova BHRE

Entering the Master's in Law and Management programme has been an absolute privilege and honour as I have been able to enrich my knowledge in critically strategic professional areas such as corporate governance, corporate strategy, international tax law and mergers and acquisitions. The programme offers the student a rich and diverse range of courses and provides an incredible opportunity to choose one's own academic path and preferred courses for each semester. This has made my experience much more enriched, allowing me a certain level of liberty to complement and personalize my education. There are no parallels with any other university in Portugal. Additionally, the amazing experience with professors, who care and are dedicated to their students, has made the Master's a rich experience. The Master's is designed to equip its students for the corporate professional world and it has made me a better person and a better professional. I strongly advise anyone who wants to work in the world of business and law to enrol.



Pedro Sena

My choice of the Master in Law and Management proved rewarding. The program allowed me not only to improve my training as a lawyer, but also to become acquainted with Business Management. It became instrumental in my choice of a career path: I am a business lawyer operating in the corporate world. I underscore that the program covers Leadership, Strategy, Negotiation, and develops soft skills that I deem crucially important. These, together with the rigour and excellence that are hallmarks of NOVA, became the foundations of my successful career.



Patrícia Assunção Soares
 PhD Student at NOVA School of Law and Lawyer at Una Seguros

Economic concepts are of the essence for a business lawyer, who uses them daily in her or his professional activity. The Master in Law and Management is unique in its multidisciplinary approach, leading to a deep understanding of the legal issues faced by corporations in their business dealings. I recommend this master's program to those who having earned an undergraduate degree now wish to be challenged, value rigorous thinking, enjoy close engagement with lecturers, and value a practical approach to law training.



Bruna Relvas Moreira
 Lawyer at PLMJ

Curricular Plan

+ 2026/2027

The taught component consists of **60 ECTS**, of which **24 correspond to mandatory courses in Management** and **12 ECTS in Law**. Students must also complete **12 ECTS in subjects of restricted option**, completing the course with **12 ECTS in subjects to choose freely** from NOVA School of Law's offer (subject to availability).

From 2024/25, students will need to approve the curricular component with, at least 13,50 points out of 20 (13,5/20) to be able to enrol in the research phase (2nd year of the course).

Completion of the curricular component (60 ECTS), with any positive grade, grants the award of a Diploma in Postgraduate Studies in Law and Management.

1st Year - Taught Component

	1st Semester	ECTS
Mandatory		

1st Semester	ECTS
Accounting and Corporate Finance	9
Business Economics	6
Business Management	6
Corporate Governance	6
Negotiation (Strategy)	3
Restricted Option	
Corporate Tax Law	6
Data Protection Law in a Digital World	6
Business, Human Rights and Sustainability	4
Emerging Technologies: Governance and Regulation	4
Free Option	
Legal English	4

2nd Semester	ECTS
Mandatory	
Mergers and Acquisitions	6
Restricted Option	
Tax	
International Tax Law	6
Tax Practice	6
Tech Management	
Legaltech Entrepreneurship	4
Fintech	4
ESG Risk Management and Corporate Sustainability	
EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and Reporting	6
Intellectual Property Law and Sustainability	6
Energy, Climate and the Just Transition	4
Free Option	
Competition Law	6
Consumer Law and Sustainable Innovation	6
Cybercrime	6
Managing the Family Enterprise: Governance, Succession and Family Protocol	6
Methodology of Legal Research	6
Direito e Cinema	4
Ethics and Regulation of Artificial Intelligence	4
Moot Courts (Commercial Arbitration)	4
Sustainability for All 2	3

(The curricular units presented as free options are suggestions and may be changed. In free-option curricular units that are compulsory for other master's programmes, enrolment and attendance depends on logistical and pedagogical possibilities).

2nd year – Research Phase

3rd Semester – Research Phase	ECTS
Mandatory	
Dissertation, internship at national or international institution or project work.	40

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Mandatory	
Law	
Corporate Governance	6
Management	
Accounting and Corporate Finance	9
Business Economics	6
Business Management	6
Negotiation (Strategy)	3
Restricted Option	
Tax	
Corporate Tax Law	6

1st Semester	ECTS
Tech Management	
Data Protection Law in a Digital World	6
ESG Risk Management and Corporate Sustainability	
Emerging Technologies: Governance and Regulation	4
Business, Human Rights and Sustainability	4
Free Option	
Legal English	4

2nd Semester	ECTS
Mandatory	
Law	
Mergers and Acquisitions	6
Restricted Option	
Tax	
International Tax Law	6
Tax Practice	6
Tech Management	
Legaltech	4
Fintech	4
ESG Risk Management and Corporate Sustainability	
Intellectual Property Law and Sustainable Innovation	6
Energy, Climate and the Just Transition	4
Free Option	
Methodology of Legal Research	6
Cybercrime	6
Competition Law	6
Managing the Family Enterprise: Governance, Succession and Family Protocol	6
Ethics and Regulation of Artificial Intelligence	4
Moot Court – Commercial Arbitration	4

Data Protection and Management Law is a course offered by **NOVA School of Law's Jean Monnet Module on European Union Data Protection Law in Portugal (DataporEU).*

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Objectives and Structure of the Curricular Units

[here](#)

Tuition Fees

[+ 2025/2026](#)

In master's degrees and doctorates, the tuition fee for part-time students corresponds to 65% of the tuition fee owed by full-time students.

**Tuition fees as deliberated by the General Council on 14 December 2022*

***Applicable only if the course is not terminated inside the established deadline*

Reading of this information does not exempt consultation of the **Regulation for Tuition Fees**, and full documentation regarding **fees, emoluments and taxes** for the academic year in question.

Tuition fees are annual and due in full upon enrolment in the course. Payment in instalments is allowed for students' mere convenience.

In the case of withdrawal from the course, the amounts already paid are not refundable. The remaining tuition fee payments due for the academic year of the application must also be paid.

Refund of the tuition fee is only possible where the previous course has not been completed by September, and is conditioned by its completion. In this case, the applicant must give proof of the situation through a declaration from the home institution, before the end of September. Amounts other than tuition fees (fees, school insurance and administrative costs) are not refundable.

Payments must be made via Visa, PayPal, MBWay or Multibanco payments, through NetPA.

The system validates payments in a few minutes, maximum. Failure to pay tuition fees within the time limits indicated results in an increase in the amount to be settled and/or the suspension of enrolment and registration, as well as the invalidity of all curricular acts practised in the academic year in which the payment dates are not respected.

Payment by instalments

Annual tuition fees for the taught component

The annual tuition fees for the taught component can be paid in 10 instalments

- **10 instalments:** 1st instalment of 20% of the total amount paid at the time of enrolment, and the remaining amount in 9 instalments paid between the 1st and 10th of the months of September to May.

Tuition fees of the Research Phase

Tuition fees for the Research Phase can be paid in 5 instalments.

- **5 instalments:** 1st instalment of 20% of the total amount paid upon registration; and the remaining amount divided into 4 instalments of equal value, paid between the 1st and 10th of November, January, February, and March.

Tuition fee for an additional Research Phase semester

Additional semester tuition fees for the Research Phase can be paid in 4 instalments.

- **4 instalments:** 25% of the total amount paid at registration, remaining instalments:
 - 1st semester: between the 1st and 10th (October, November, January);
 - 2nd semester: between the 1st and 10th (March, April, May).

Fee for the extension of Deadline of delivery of the Research Phase:

Fees are paid in full at the time of registration.

Merit Awards

The number of awards is established annually by the Board of NOVA School of Law. Merit Awards are awarded to:

- Candidates whose final average admission to a 2nd study cycle at NOVA School of Law, according to assessment and ranking by the appropriate jury, is equal to or higher than 17,00 points (on a scale of 0/20) and who enrol and attend the same course, benefit from a monetary award corresponding to 50% of the due tuition fee for the taught component of the Master's degree.
- Candidates whose final average admission to a 2nd study cycle at NOVA School of Law, according to assessment and ranking by the appropriate jury, is equal to or higher than 16,00 points and lower than 17 (on a scale of 0/20) and who enrol and attend the same course, benefit from a monetary award corresponding to 30% of the due tuition fee for the taught component of the Master's degree.

In the Research Phase, three prizes for academic merit are awarded (by master's degree or area of specialization, in the case of the Master's Degree in Law). These awards assume the completion of the taught component within the stipulated time.

- The best student of the taught component of each study cycle or specialization area of a study cycle who continues and attends the Research Phase benefits from a monetary award corresponding to 100% of the tuition fee due for the Research Phase phase of the Master's degree;
- The second-best student of the taught component of each study cycle or specialization area of a study cycle who continues and attends the Research Phase benefits from a monetary award corresponding to 60% of the tuition fee due for the Research Phase phase of the Master's degree;

- The third-best student of the taught component of each study cycle or specialization area of a study cycle who continues and attends the Research Phase of the Master's degree benefits from a monetary award corresponding to 40% of the tuition fee due for the Research Phase phase of the Master's degree.

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Scholarships for Access to Study Cycles at NOVA University Lisbon

The Scholarships for Access to Study Cycles are available to students of the three study cycles, being **students of Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, nationals or stateless persons, foreigners with tax residence in Portugal or with refugee status, who are in a situation of financial need and who do not benefit from the scholarships awarded by the Directorate-General for Higher Education**, or whose value proves to be insufficient.

[Full scholarship details here.](#)

José Neves Foundation Grant

This course is eligible for the José Neves Foundation ISA scholarship programme. Find out more information [here](#).

Emoluments/Charges and Taxes Fees

- **Application fee:** 51.00€
- **Administrative costs per registration/enrolment (each year):** 35.00€
- **Institution insurance (each year):** 3.00€
- **Registration Certificate:** 6.00 €
- **Improvement grade exam:** 15.00 €/enrolement
- **Conclusion Certificate:** 50€

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In the case of withdrawal from the course, the amounts already paid are not refundable. The remaining tuition fee payments due for the academic year of the application must also be paid.

For admission to master's courses (2nd cycle), and only in situations where the student does not complete the course necessary for admission (in these cases, the student must prove the situation by means of a 2026/27 enrolment statement from the institution of origin), the amounts paid for tuition fees may be subject to a refund request, in accordance with the provisions of Article 20 of **Regulation No. 452/2024** (fees, school insurance and administrative costs are not refundable).

Payments must be made via Visa, PayPal, MBWay or Multibanco payments, through NetPA.

The system validates payments in a few minutes, maximum. Failure to pay tuition fees within the time limits indicated results in an increase in the amount to be settled and/or the suspension of enrolment and registration, as well as the invalidity of all curricular acts practised in the academic year in which the payment dates are not respected.

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Fee for the extension of Deadline of delivery of the Research Phase:

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Merit Awards

The number of awards is established annually by the NOVA School of Law Board. Merit awards for admission to a Master's degree are awarded as follows:

- Each selection panel for admission to a 2nd cycle of studies at NOVA School of Law submits a reasoned proposal with the candidates it proposes to award a merit award, taking into account the admission classification for the respective Master's programme.
- The decision on the awarding of merit awards is made by the Merit Awards Jury. This Jury will set the criteria and evaluate the applications in order to rank them according to merit, with a view to selecting candidates with a previous track record indicative of talent.
- The merit award is granted subject to enrolment in the relevant study cycle and consists of a cash amount corresponding to 30% or 50% of the tuition fees that candidates will pay in the academic year of entry to the course, this amount being set by the Merit Award Jury taking into account the candidates' graduation.
- For each Master's degree or, in the case of the Master's in Law, for each specialisation, at least one merit award of 50% and one merit award of 30% will be awarded.

In the research phase of the Master's degree, three academic merit awards are awarded each academic year in each cycle of studies, or in each area of specialisation in the case of the Master's degree in Law:

- The best student in the teaching phase of each cycle of studies or area of specialisation of a cycle of studies who continues and attends the research phase will be awarded a cash prize corresponding to 100% of the tuition fees payable for the research phase of the Master's degree, if their average grade is equal to or higher than 18.00 (on a scale of 0/20).
- The second best student in the teaching phase of each study cycle or area of specialisation of a study cycle who continues and attends the research phase, or the two best students, if the first does not achieve an average equal to or higher than 18.00 points, a cash prize corresponding to 60% of the tuition fees payable for the research phase of the Master's degree is awarded.
- The third best student in the teaching phase of each study cycle or area of specialisation of a study cycle who continues and attends the research phase is awarded a cash prize corresponding to 40% of the tuition fees payable for the research phase of the Master's degree.

To assess the best grades in the teaching phase, only grades obtained at NOVA School of Law are taken into account.

Only students who complete the teaching phase on time and attend full-time are eligible for academic merit awards.

The merit award for the research phase only covers the time specified in the Regulations for the respective study cycle for the completion of this phase, not including additional semesters.

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Applications

Important Notice to All Prospective Students

NOVA School of Law wishes to inform all prospective students that we do not employ or authorize any representatives, agents, or intermediaries for admissions, application processing, or fee payments.

Our only partner is [Keystone](#), but exclusively as a provider of information to prospective students. All applications, registrations, and payments must be handled directly by the candidate with the School's Applications and Academic Services.

Please be aware of potential scams, especially those targeting international students, where third parties claim to facilitate the admissions and VISA process for a fee. These claims are false and unauthorized.

All applications are received through our [official portal](#), and assessed according to their merit, taking into account the selection criteria defined by the scientific committees.

For your safety and to ensure a legitimate application process, always communicate directly with the School's Applications and Academic Services through our official contact channels, by [e-mail](#) or telephone (+351 21 384 74 00).

We do not accept any liability for losses incurred due to interactions with unauthorized third parties.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation

2026/2027

General course information

- **Duration:** 3 semesters
- **Number of ECTS:** 100
- **Number of places:** 50
- **Teaching language:** English

1st Phase of Applications:

- **Submission of applications:** From 2 to 27 February 2026
- **Publication of the list of allocated places:** By 1 April 2026
- **Appeals regarding placements:** From 1 to 8 April 2026
- **Enrolment:** From 20 to 27 April 2026
- **Enrolment in subjects:** From 14 to 24 July 2026

Admission requirements

- Holders of a bachelor's degree certificate from a higher education institution in countries that subscribe to the Bologna Declaration and others considered to be similar, taking into account the respective curricular structure, with mention of the final average.*
- Holders of a foreign higher academic degree that is recognised as satisfying the objectives of the degree of licenciado by the competent scientific body of NOVA School of Law, with a mention of the final average.*

For bachelor degree finalists:

- Conditional applications are accepted from students who can demonstrate that they are in their final year of their course. If accepted in the programme, they must submit a certificate of completion by 15 October 2026

Applicants who are required to complete their degree must present:

- A formal statement from the educational institution where they are enrolled, showing all subjects they have completed, their final grade and their current average grade. This document must also state the expected date for the completion of the program. Without this official document from the institution of origin, signed and stamped, the final grade awarded will be of 10/20 points. Print screens from academic portals are not accepted.

For the purposes of evaluation by the jury, students from NOVA School of Law must attach the free of charge document 'Mapa de Notas e Média' taken from their NetPA. The grade point average indicated in the document will be used for the calculation in the application

Current finalist averages will be granted to the closest whole number to their current grade.

**Failure to prove the final classification of the Academic Degree in the terms mentioned above will result in the final classification of 10 points being awarded for the purposes of the application process*

Selection and Ranking Criteria

Applications are ranked according to the score obtained in the selection process, based on individual merit. The following criteria are taken into account:

- Final grade in the degree course you are applying for (50%);

- Relevance and suitability of previous experience for the master's course (50%) – the jury will give each candidate a score on a scale of 0 to 20, based on an analysis of the letter of motivation and curriculum vitae, and the members of the jury may decide to hold interviews with all or some of the candidates. These interviews can be held online, and each candidate who is selected for interview will receive notification to this effect via the email address used for the application.

Candidates assessed with a mark lower than 9.5 will be automatically excluded.

Linguistic admissibility criteria

Proficiency in English, as evidenced by:

- Language certificate, at least B2 level (examples of accepted certificates: Cambridge ESOL FCE, CAE, CPE, LINGUASKILL; IELTS: above level 6; TOEFL iBT above 87; TOEIC: above 880; BULATS: above 75);
- or a Final Assessment Certificate from the 11th grade Portuguese National Examination in English (550) with a minimum mark of 10 (100);
- or equivalent documentation that must be presented at the time of application (the documentation will be validated by the Scientific Committee).

Students who have graduated from NOVA School of Law do not need to attach any documents, as proficiency in English is a requirement for graduation.

Students who have completed their secondary education at an English-speaking secondary school or who have other academic qualifications in English need only present a certificate proving that they have completed an education programme entirely in English (e.g. transcripts of records).

Application process

Submission of applications:

<https://netpa.novalaw.unl.pt/cssnet/page>

The application must be accompanied by the following elements:

- Motivation letter;
- *Curriculum vitae* (European model);
- Copy of the certificate of completion of the course(s); candidates with foreign qualifications must send transcripts showing the coefficient of performance or a statement with the final average of the degree, as well as the grading scale used in the country of origin of the course. Diplomas that are not presented in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish must be accompanied by a translation certified by the relevant authorities (the grade will be converted to the Portuguese scale in accordance with **DGES criteria**, rounded up to the nearest whole number);
- Document proving proficiency in English, as mentioned above (Linguistic admissibility criteria);

- Proof of Tax ID Number, where applicable;
- Proof of ID;
- In the case of an International Student **, a declaration, sworn on honour, in which the candidate declares that he/she does not have Portuguese nationality, nor is covered by any of the exceptions in Article 2(2) of Regulation no. 687/2020, of 20 August, which, under the terms of Decree-Law no. 36/2014, of 10 March, excludes him/her from the status of International Student – [model Declaration of honour | International Student](#);
- For applications for the national student scheme whose applicants present an identification document with a nationality other than Portuguese or EU, a declaration on honour that the applicant has Portuguese nationality or is covered by one of the exceptions in Article 2(2) of Regulation no. 687/2020 of 20 August, which, under the terms of Decree-Law no. 36/2014 of 10 March, excludes him/her from International Student status – [model Declaration of Honour](#);
- Applicants who are required to complete their degree must send a statement from the educational institution where they are currently enrolled, showing all subjects they have completed, their final grade and their current average grade. This document must also state the expected date of completion of the program. Without this official document from the institution of origin, signed and stamped, the degree mark awarded will be 10/20 points. Print screens from academic portals are not accepted.
For the purposes of evaluation by the jury, students from NOVA School of Law must attach the free of charge document 'Mapa de Notas e Média' taken from their NetPA. The grade point average indicated in the document will be used for the calculation in the application.
- After submitting the application, candidates must pay the fee according to the designated references (€51, which can be paid via Multibanco, MB way, Paypal or Visa). The application will only be sent for assessment once payment has been made.

Applications that are not accompanied by all the documents, or for which the application fee has not been paid, will be rejected outright.

*** For the purposes of the provisions of Decree-Law no. 36/2014, of 10 March, amended by Decree-Law no. 113/2014, of 16 July and republished under the terms of Decree-Law no. 62/2018, of 6 August, an international student will be those who meet the conditions described at <https://novalaw.unl.pt/candidatos-internacionais>.*

Optional documents:

Candidates may submit a request for accreditation of academic training and professional experience obtained prior to entering the study cycle. Accreditation processes take into account the level of credits corresponding to previous training, and under no circumstances will accreditation be allowed for further studies in a study cycle for training undertaken as part of a study cycle at a lower level of qualification. For the purposes of accreditation, the candidate **must fill in a specific form and attach all the relevant documentation**. When the request for accreditation is made at the time of application, accreditation is not a sufficient condition for admission to the study cycle and only takes effect after admission and only in that same study cycle.

Important information about documentation

Whenever the above-mentioned documents are issued in a language other than Spanish, French, English or Portuguese, you must provide a translation of them, accordingly. The translations must

be duly certified by relevant authorities. Otherwise, the applications will be rejected.

If there are any inquiries about the documents presented, particularly in the case of documents obtained abroad, recognition may be requested by the local Portuguese consular agent and/or legalised by the Apostille system under the terms of the Convention on the Abolition of the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Acts (better known as the Hague Convention), signed in The Hague on 5 October 1961, with the exception of documents issued by Higher Education Institutions in European Union countries.

Deadline for the submission of the course completion certificate, according to the point “Copy of the course completion certificate(s)” for successful candidates: 15 October 2026.

Deadlines 1st phase

- **Applications:** From 2 to 27 February 2026

Application fees

The application fee is €51 (fifty-one euros) and will not be refunded if the application is rejected or not selected. This information does not dispense with consulting the 2026/27 tuition fees notice, available on the NOVA School of Law website, as well as the NOVA fees table applicable for the current academic year.

For more information on tuition fees candidates should consult the [**NOVA School of Law’s Regulations on Tuition Fees, Fees and Emoluments**](#).

Applications through the [**NOVA School of Law applications portal**](#).

Readmissions

Readmission is the act by which a student, after interruption of studies in an institution/course of higher education, enrolls in the same institution and in the same course or in the updated version of the course.

Requirements:

Students who can apply for readmission to any cycle of studies:

- Must have already been enrolled at NOVA School of Law, in the same course in which they are already registered, without having completed it;
- Must not have been enrolled in that course in the previous academic year to the one in which they intend to be readmitted to;
- Those students whose registration has lapsed due to the requirements in force may apply for readmission once two school semesters have elapsed since the date of the lapsing.

Pursuant to [Regulation No. 27/2024](#), students may only re-enroll in the research phase of a master's degree program if they have completed the research phase with an average grade of 13.50 or above (Article 2(1)).

The Faculty reserves the right to refuse readmission to applications from students whose curricular record indicates serious difficulties in adapting to the study plan in force and to the type of lecturing provided at NOVA School of Law. **Requests from students who are in debt to the School for tuition fees or any other amounts will be rejected, subject to the provisions of Law N^o. 75/2019, of September 2.**

Deadlines for submission of applications | School Year 2025/26:

2nd Semester

Submission of the application	From 12 to 16 January 2026
Enrolment and Registration for Curricular Units	From 2 to 6 February 2026

Deadlines for submission of applications | School Year 2026/27:

1st Semester

Submission of the application	From 29 June to 3 July 2026
Enrolment and Registration for Curricular Units	From 31 August to 4 September 2026

2nd Semester

Submission of the application	From 12 to 16 January 2027
Enrolment and Registration for Curricular Units	From 2 to 5 February 2027

Instructions for submitting the [application \(online\)](#):

The application is submitted online through [NetPA](#) by filling in a form and uploading the necessary documents, namely:

- Online submission of a simple digital copy of the citizen card or passport (international applicants)

- Payment of the application fee through the PayPal, Visa, MBway or Multibanco references on the system: 70.00€ (non-refundable), validated by the system in few minutes.
- For candidates who present identification documents with a nationality other than Portuguese or EU, a declaration, under oath, stating that the candidate has Portuguese nationality or is covered by one of the exceptions in Article 2(2) of Regulation No. 687/2020 of 20 August, which, under the terms of Decree-Law No. 36/2014 of 10 March, excludes them from International Student status – [model Declaration of Honour](#).

Incomplete and/or unpaid applications will be automatically rejected.

Fees and Emoluments

Application Fee: 70,00€

Note: All due tuition and other fees should be checked in the course's webpage, as well as in the tuitions annual order and NOVA fee's table.


Tuition fees are fixed annually by the General Council of the NOVA University Lisbon.

Regulations Applicable: Decree-Law N^o. 36/2014, of March 10th, altered by Decree-Law N^o. 62/2018, of August 6th, and Regulation N^o. 436/2020, of April 28th, of NOVA School of Law.

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Clear all your doubts

We are at your disposal to answer any questions you may have about studying at NOVA School of Law.

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