



OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES
SELECTION PROCESS FOR ADMISSION TO THE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM IN LAW –
DOCTORATE
PUBLIC NOTICE 11/2025

1. Opening

The Vice-Rector for Research and Postgraduate Studies of the University of Caxias do Sul hereby announces the conditions governing the Selection Process for admission, in **March 2026**, to the Postgraduate Program in Law – Doctorate, to be held at the University Campus, Caxias do Sul.

2. Applications

2.1 Period and Location

Applications must be submitted via the *online* form available on the Program's selection process webpage, from **June 25 to October 31, 2025**.

The publication of the homologation of applications will take place on **November 7, 2025**, on the Program's page on the UCS website.

2.2 Application Fee

The application fee for the Selection Process is R\$ 200.00 (two hundred reais). Applicants who are alumni of UCS are entitled to a 30% discount on the application fee.

2.3 Documentation

2.3.1 Documents Required for Application

The documents required for application submission are as follows:

- Duly completed *online* Application Form;
- Doctoral thesis pre-project of up to 5 (five) pages, meeting the requirements specified in item 5;

- Lattes/CNPq Curriculum (or free-format Curriculum Vitae for foreign applicants), updated at least until July 2025, with supporting documentation (for bibliographic production, only what is necessary to identify the publication and authorship). At the time of application submission on the website, the Lattes Curriculum and all supporting documents must be attached as a single document;
- Copy of RG, CPF, National Driver's License, or Passport.

2.3.2 Submission of Required Documents

The submission of the required documentation for participation in the selection process must be made via upload of a single PDF file when filling out the online form.

Applications with incomplete documentation will not be accepted.

2.3.3 Additional Documentation

The documents required for enrollment are as follows:

- Copy of Birth, Marriage, or Divorce Certificate (waived for foreign applicants);
- Copy (front and back) of the Bachelor's Degree Diploma (waived for UCS alumni);
- Copy of Undergraduate Academic Transcript (waived for UCS alumni);
- Copy (front and back) of the Master's Degree Diploma (waived for UCS alumni);
- Copy of the Master's Academic Transcript (waived for UCS alumni);

Note: Diplomas and academic transcripts from countries that are signatories to The Hague Convention must be apostilled in accordance with CNJ Resolution No. 228, 2016, of the National Council of Justice (available at <https://www.cnj.jus.br/poder-judiciario/relacoes-internacionais/apostila-da-haia/>) and subsequently translated by a sworn translator. Documents from non-signatory countries must be authenticated by the competent consular authority and subsequently translated by a sworn translator.

- Copy (front and back) of the Certificate of Specialization Course (if any), accompanied by the respective academic transcript.

2.3.4 Submission of Additional Documentation

The additional documentation must be sent by email at the time of enrollment, following the instructions to be provided with the selection process results.

3. Openings

The 8 (eight) available openings will be distributed among the Program's Research Lines.

4. Cancellation of the Selection Process

The University of Caxias do Sul reserves the right not to carry out the Selection Process for admission to the Postgraduate Program in Law – Doctorate, as described in this Public Notice, should the number of applicants be deemed insufficient. Any suspension of the Selection Process will be communicated in advance; in such case, applicants will be refunded the amount paid for the application fee.

5. Candidate Selection

The Selection Committee is composed of 5 (five) permanent faculty members of the Program, duly appointed by the Collegiate Board for this purpose.

5.1 Selection Process

The selection process for admission to the Postgraduate Program in Law – Doctorate, conducted by the Selection Committee, composed of 5 (five) permanent faculty members appointed by the Collegiate Board, will comprise 3 (three) stages, as detailed below:

Doctoral Thesis Pre-Project

The doctoral thesis pre-project must include the following elements:

1. Candidate's identification;
2. Title of the pre-project;
3. Selected Research Line of the Doctorate in Law Program;
4. Research problem (contextualization and formulation);
5. Objectives (general and specific);
6. Thesis outline to be defended, with justification of its scientific and social relevance, originality, and feasibility;
7. Methodology (methods, techniques, sources, stages);
8. Literature review (state of the art of the thesis topic/problem and/or probable theoretical framework to be adopted), supported by national and international literature;
9. References (only bibliographic documents cited in the pre-project);
10. Express indication of whether the granting of a scholarship or fee exemption is indispensable for pursuing the Doctorate.

FIRST STAGE

Written Exam

Grade: 0 (zero) to 10 (ten)

Nature: classificatory

Weight: 40% of the final grade

The first stage of the selection process consists of a written exam based on the indicated bibliography.

The written exam will include two essay questions on the indicated bibliography. The answers will be evaluated by 2 (two) Program faculty members, who will each assign a score from 0 (zero) to 10 (ten). The final score for the written exam will be the simple arithmetic mean of the scores assigned by the two evaluators.

If there is a difference equal to or greater than two (2) points between the assigned scores, a third Program faculty member will be appointed to assign an additional score. In this case, the final score will be the simple arithmetic mean of the three scores.

The faculty evaluators of the written exam will not have access to the candidate's identification. During the written exam, consulting the bibliography, other materials, or electronic devices will not be permitted.

Written Exam Bibliography

- 1) LUNELLI, C. A.; BRANDELLI, A. C.; PRIEUR, J. Desafios e perspectivas para a proteção jurisdicional do ambiente urbano. Revista Opinião Jurídica (Fortaleza), v. 19, p. 175, 2021. Available at: <https://periodicos.unichristus.edu.br/opiniaojuridica/article/view/3792/13392>
- 2) VANIN, Fábio Scopel; COLOMBO, Gerusa. O conteúdo jurídico geral do Plano Diretor nos municípios do Rio Grande do Sul-RS. Interesse Público - IP, Belo Horizonte, year 26, no. 146, pp. 89-119, Jul/Aug 2024. Available at: <https://www.direitoeurbanismo.com.br/uploads/Zh6KHfcVXydnJrHDxrdwoQKDvN9qD8ivqTBajo8E.pdf>

WRITTEN EXAM

The written exam will be held from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on November 12, 2025, via virtual platform.**

Further information will be sent to the email address provided at the time of application, close to the exam date.

SECOND STAGE

Curriculum Evaluation

Grade: 0 (zero) to 10 (ten)

Nature: classificatory

Weight: 30% of the final grade

The second stage of the selection process consists of evaluating the candidates' curricula, covering the period from 2019 to 2025. The following items will be assessed, exclusively for the indicated period, with their respective scores:

1. Articles published in journals between 2019 and 2025, according to the current Qualis Capes classification for journals:

- A1 = 1.00 point
- A2 = 0.90 point
- A3 = 0.80 point
- A4 = 0.70 point
- B1 = 0.50 point
- B2 = 0.40 point
- B3 = 0.30 point
- B4 = 0.20 point
- C = 0 points

2. Articles published in proceedings of nationally scoped events*: 0.50 point for each publication, with a maximum of 1.5 points;

3. Articles published in proceedings of international events: 1.00 point for each publication, with a maximum of 3.0 points;

4. Book chapters (printed or digital), published by commercial or university publishers with a duly qualified Editorial Board: 1.00 point for each publication, with a maximum of 4.0 points;

5. Sole-authored books, published by commercial or university publishers with a duly qualified Editorial Board, in which the candidate is not a board member: 2.0 points for each book, with a maximum of 4.0 points;

6. Co-authored or collective books (printed or digital), published by commercial or university publishers with a duly qualified Editorial Board, in which the candidate is not a board member: 1.0 point for each publication, with a maximum of 2.0 points;

7. Officially documented international academic exchange programs: 1.00 point per semester, with a maximum of 2.0 points.

Publications must be proven by submitting a copy of the relevant portions necessary for the unequivocal identification of the publication's existence. Publications that are not properly identified or submitted will not be considered for evaluation.

Any score exceeding 10 (ten) points in publications will be disregarded.

*Note: Nationally scoped events are those supported by Capes, CNPq, or other national funding agencies; meetings and congresses organized by Conpedi; events jointly promoted by two or more Stricto Sensu Postgraduate Programs from at least two different regions of the country; or the Brazilian Congress of Environmental Law (O Planeta Verde).

THIRD STAGE

Interview and Project Analysis

Grade: 0 (zero) to 10 (ten)

Nature: classificatory

Weight: 30% of the final grade

INTERVIEW

This stage consists of questioning the candidate regarding the Doctoral Thesis Pre-Project and evaluating their performance during the interview. The following will be assessed: adherence to the chosen research line; clarity and rigor in the elaboration of the Pre-Project; originality, relevance, and feasibility of the proposed thesis; and quality of the literature review. The committee will also consider the candidate's proficiency in foreign languages and their availability/interest in undertaking a doctoral internship at a foreign university.

The interviews will be conducted via videoconference, scheduled for **November 17, 2025, at previously scheduled times**, which will be duly communicated to the candidates in a timely manner. The Program's office will also send the interview access link to the email provided at registration.

6. Preliminary Results and Selection of Approved Candidates

Candidates will be preliminarily approved based on their numerical ranking, with the highest-scoring candidates being approved, up to the maximum number of positions offered by the Program: 8 (eight) positions for approved candidates and 5 (five) positions reserved for alternates.

Thus, the selection of approved candidates will follow the order of classification based on the scores obtained in the 3 (three) stages.

Final Score of the Selection Process

The candidate's Final Score (NF), which will determine the ranking order, will be calculated by considering the respective weights of the scores in each stage. In the event of a tie, the following criteria will be applied in order: (I) The highest score on the written exam; (II) The highest score in the curriculum evaluation; and (III) The highest score in the interview.

7. Publication of Preliminary Results

The list of preliminarily approved candidates will be published on **November 24, 2025**.

8. Appeals

All candidates will have the right to appeal the decision rendered by the Selection Committee. Appeals will be reviewed and decided by a higher authority than the one that rendered the challenged decision.

To file an appeal, the candidate must submit a document written by him/herself, stating the reasons for the request. The appeal must be sent to the email address: ppgdir@ucs.br, by November 25, 2025.

The response to the appeal will be provided by November 27th, 2025.

9. Publication of Final Results

The list of selected candidates and alternates will be published by **December 1st, 2025**. In all cases, the results will be posted on the bulletin board of the Master's Program in Law, located in Block 58 of the Main Campus, and will also be published on the Program's website.

10. Enrollment

Enrollment will be conducted online according to the instructions to be provided after the conclusion of the selection process, both via email and on the Program's webpage.

11. Special Cases

Candidates with disabilities who require special accommodations to participate in the selection process must submit a formal request to the Selection Committee by **November 1st, 2025**. This request must be accompanied by a report issued by a specialist, specifying the nature, type, and degree of the disability, as well as the recommended accommodations necessary to ensure the candidate's participation in the selection process. The request must be sent to ppgdir@ucs.br. The Selection Committee will officially inform the candidate, by **November 5th, 2025**, of the total, partial, or impossible availability of the requested accommodations.

12. Schedule

Date	Stage	Location
06/25/2025 to 10/31/2025	Online Applications	Online form submission
11/01/2025	Special Cases – request submission	By email: ppgdir@ucs.br
11/05/2025	Special Cases – Committee response	By candidate's email
11/07/2025	Applications homologation	Program's website
11/12/2025	Written Exam	UCS Platform
11/17/2025	Interview	Google Hangouts Meet Virtual Platform
11/24/2025	Preliminary results publication	Program's website
11/25/2025	Appeals submission	By email: ppgdir@ucs.br
11/27/2025	Appeals result	By candidate's email
12/01/2025	Final results publication	Program's website
12/02/2025 to 12/10/2025	Enrollment	Online

13. Validity of the Selection Process

The Selection Process covered by this Public Notice is valid solely for admission to the **2026 Class – March 2026** of the Postgraduate Program in Law – Doctorate.

14. Final Provisions

Candidates who are approved but not selected in the present selection process may request enrollment as non-regular students to attend individual courses, in accordance with the rules of the Postgraduate Program in Law Regulations.

15. Omitted Cases

Omitted cases will be assessed by the Selection Committee, after consulting, if deemed necessary, the appropriate academic authorities.

Caxias do Sul, June 25, 2025.

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