

## Admission Rules

### Access requirements

In general, access and admission to PhD programmes are subject to articles 6 and 7 of [Royal Decree 99/2011 of 28 January](#) studies and articles 8 and 9 of UAM's Regulations on Official Doctoral Studies.

The access requirements are as follows:

1. In general, to access an official doctoral programme, students need to have an official Spanish Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent) or an official University Master's Degree.
2. Also, any of the following can access the programme:
  - a) Those with an official university degree from Spain (or from another EHEA country) qualifying them to access the master's degree in accordance with that set out in Royal Decree 1393/2007 of 29 October and who have passed a minimum of 300 ECTS throughout their official university studies, of which at least 60 ECTS must be at the master's degree level.
  - b) Those with an official Spanish university graduate degree lasting at least 300 ECTS, in accordance with the rules of Community law. In this case, unless the syllabus of the corresponding degree includes credits for research training, they must take supplementary training courses with equivalent training value to the research credits from master's degree courses.
  - c) University graduates who have studied a training programme for at least two years with pass grades to obtain an official qualification in any of the specialities in Health Sciences.
  - d) Those with an official degree obtained under foreign education systems, without the need for validation if the university has verified that the degree certifies a level of studies equivalent to that of an official Spanish University Master's Degree and that it provides eligibility for students to take doctoral studies. In any case, this admission does not mean that the foreign degree held by the student is



validated nor that it is acknowledged for purposes other than eligibility for doctoral studies.

- e) Those with an Advanced Studies Diploma obtained in accordance with that set out in Royal Decree 778/98 of 30 April or those who have obtained Proven Research Experience as regulated in Royal Decree 185/85 of 23 January.
- g) Those with another Spanish PhD degree obtained under previous university regulations.

### Admission criteria

The PhD Programme offers a total of 20 places per academic year in 3 admission periods. The Programme's candidates are selected based on the following criteria:

1. The candidates' grades in their previous Bachelor's and Master's Degrees (65%) and their résumés (35%).
2. The candidates' résumés are assessed based on their seminars and courses, national and international congresses, foreign language skills, stays at foreign centres and publications. As an exception, if several candidates have the same score and the access conditions limit the places, the Programme's Academic Committee can request a personal interview with them so that they can elaborate on the information provided in their résumés.
3. In any case, the thesis project must conform to the research lines that form part of the PhD Programme and the specialities of the professors themselves.
4. When the Programme's Academic Committee believes that the candidates' previous training is not sufficient or appropriate for accessing the PhD programme, it may require them to carry out supplementary training.
5. Advanced Spanish language level is required (C1) (DELE, SIELE).
6. The same criteria will be applied for admission of all the students, regardless of whether they are full-time or part-time.



**When are the admission and enrolment periods? How many places are offered?**

The admission is organised in three periods per academic year: the "advanced period" (between the start of March and the first fortnight of May), the "first period" (between the start of July and the end of September), and the "second period" (between November and mid- January). Please check the [Admission Periods](#) section on UAM's Doctoral School website for the places for the current academic year.

There are 20 places offered at present per academic year, broken down as follows:

- Advanced Period: 4 places. The places not taken because students admitted in this period did not enrol will be offered in the "first period" and those not admitted will be on the waiting list for the following admission period.
- First Period: 11 places. The places not taken because students admitted in this period did not enrol will be offered in the "second period" and those not admitted will be on the waiting list.
- Second Period: 5 places. The places not taken because students admitted in this period did not enrol will be awarded to students on the waiting list in order of classification in the selection process.

After being admitted to the PhD Programme and on the dates stated by the Doctoral School, the PhD students must then enrol. Please check the [Calendar](#) section on UAM's Doctoral School website for the enrolment periods for the current academic year.

**Admission periods for the academic year 2022/2023:**

- Advanced Period:
  - Application period: between 1 March and 15 May 2022.
  - Decision notification: until 6 June 2022.
  - Enrolment: between 8 and 29 June 2022.



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- First Period:
  - Application period: between 30 June and 1 October 2022.
  - Decision notification: until 22 October 2022.
  - Enrolment: between 23 October and 12 November 2022.
- Second Period:
  - Application period: between 30 October 2022 and 15 January 2023.
  - Decision notification: until 6 February 2023.
  - Enrolment: between 8 and 28 February 2023.

#### How do I apply for admission?

You must apply for admission solely online through the [Doctoral School](#) website by submitting the following documents:

- The degree which gives access to the doctorate (Master's Degree, Bachelor's Degree or equivalent).
- Identity document/passport.
- The academic certificates for the university studies (Master's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, etc.): academic years, subjects, grades, etc.
- *Résumé*.
- [Motivation letter](#), whereby the signatories endorse the students' application for admission to carry out the doctoral thesis in UAM's PhD Programme and state their consent to the possibility of being assigned as the doctoral thesis supervisors.
- If the students apply for part-time studies, the online admission application must include the document called [Application for part-time study of the PhD Programme](#).
- C1 certificate or higher in linguistic ability in written and spoken Spanish for applicants whose mother tongue is not Spanish.

Once the online application has been made, the Doctoral School's administrative staff will make sure that the candidates meet the access



requirements and provide the required documentation, in which case the application will be validated. Otherwise, they will be asked to rectify where necessary.

Once the application has been validated, the Programme's Academic Committee will make sure that it meets the Programme's academic requirements and assess the application within the candidate selection process. The Academic Committee may condition the admission to carrying out, in each case, supplementary training to rectify the candidates' training deficiencies.

The final decision will be notified in writing by the Doctoral School. If the application is rejected, the reasons will be provided. If the application is accepted, the candidates will be notified of the supplementary training that they may require and the original/authenticated/legalised documents that they need to provide to confirm their admission.

The candidates admitted whose degrees to access the doctorate are not from UAM must submit the following documents to the Doctoral School for verification:

- The degree which gives access to the doctorate (Master's Degree, Bachelor's Degree or equivalent).
- Identity document/passport.
- The academic certificates for the university studies (Master's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, etc.).

For each document, the students must submit the original and a photocopy (for authentication) or a certified photocopy. Original documents must not be sent by post. If the document was issued outside Spain, please follow the [Instructions on translation, legalisation and authentication](#).

Please check the [How to Apply](#) section on the Doctoral School website for the admission process, forms, etc. For any queries, our recommendation is to directly contact the Doctoral School by writing to [doctorado.gestion@uam.es](mailto:doctorado.gestion@uam.es).



## Students with special education needs due to their disability

The PhD Programme's candidates with special education needs due to their disability must firstly contact the doctoral programme coordinator to notify him.

They must also contact the [Office for Solidarity and Co-operation](#) to resolve, together with the coordinator, the specific needs of each candidate, providing information, advice and guidance. In such cases, the Academic Committee will assess the need for adapting the syllabuses, itineraries or alternative studies.