

How is the program structured?

1st year – 60 ECTS (Curricular component; several courses must be attended)

2nd year – 60 ECTS (Thesis/Dissertation)

3rd year – 60 ECTS (Thesis/Dissertation)

4th year – 60 ECTS (Thesis/Dissertation)

The program includes a curricular component of different courses in the first year that sum 60 ECTS.

After it, from second to fourth year, students should enroll in the “thesis/Dissertation” and it is necessary to enroll every year up to a minimum of 2 years (minimum 120 ECTS in Thesis/Dissertation). It is necessary/mandatory to enroll every year in “Thesis/Dissertation” despite being a curricular unit which extends through several years (see examples below).

Although it can be done in two years, the curricular component should, preferably, be done in one year. Generally, for students who must conclude the program in 4 years (namely, those with FCT scholarship) that option is not a problem, because it’s required to be enrolled in “Thesis/Dissertation” during a minimum of two years (120 ECTS) before being able to present the public defense.

For those students that only have 3 years to complete the PhD there is also the possibility to enroll in the “Thesis/Dissertation” and up to 6 or 9 ECTS extra in curricular units as long as they correspond to a re-enrollment (“reinscrição”), meaning disciplines that the student has been registered in the previous year. Again, this situation must be checked by SGA.