



**CATÓLICA
LISBON**
BUSINESS & ECONOMICS



Degree Programmes

This study placement is open to Aston Business Students.

Number of places: 3

Application Process

To apply for this opportunity, please email your **CV** and **motivation letter** to internationalplacements@aston.ac.uk.

Deadlines are published on **Aston Futures**.

Students can apply up to three universities maximum; please specify your order of preference in your motivation letter. You only need to send one motivation letter for your three university choices, you can find a template on Blackboard (overseas folder).

Please include your full name and degree on your application email. Please do not contact the partner university directly as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Placements Team.

The University

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[Website](#)

[List of modules](#)

Católica Lisbon School of Business & Economics (CATÓLICA-LISBON) was founded in 1989 following the restructuring and reorganization of the courses and departments that were originally part of the Faculty of Human Sciences. Currently, CATÓLICA-LISBON hosts one thousand full-time undergraduate students,

400 Master of Science students, over 2000 executive education participants, making it one of the largest faculties at Universidade Católica Portuguesa. The School is very active in both education and research, and is nationally and internationally recognized as one of the top schools of Management and Economics in Portugal.

CATÓLICA-LISBON is an AACSB, EQUIS and AMBA accredited school. **Universidade Católica Portuguesa** (UCP) is a non-state-run, non-profit-seeking institution. It was created in 1967 at the request of Portuguese bishops under the *Concordata* agreement between the Vatican and the government of Portugal. This document was canonically established by the Congregation of Catholic Education and was recognized by the Portuguese State in 1971 (Decree-Law 307/71). Its current legal framework is laid down in Decree-Law 128/90, of 17 April.

The following are some of the Catholic University's fundamental aims: to improve cultural levels in intellectual, artistic, moral and spiritual terms; to stimulate research and higher education; to train leaders for society; to create a genuine university community and integrate it into Portuguese society; to further the cultural values of the Portuguese community. The UCP is run by a mixed regime of governmental and higher administration whereby the Church and the State share all responsibilities, demands for autonomy at both the national and regional level, and also safeguard the institution's unity.

What it is like to study at Catolica

Check out these videos:

[Video 1](#)

[Video 2](#)

Location

International dialling code: 00351

Lisbon, which is called the "city of seven hills", is the political and economic capital of Portugal. It stretches along the north bank of the River Tagus in the westernmost country of mainland Europe. Initially located north of the castle of São Jorge, Lisbon long ago stopped being geographically restricted by the city walls, undergoing an expansion that was led by the Christian presence in the country. Lisbon's animated nightlife only comes to an end in the early hours of the next day, when the deafening noise of the music gives way to the first rays of sunshine, which seem to cover the entire city with a golden and violet veil, blending light and colour until it becomes hard to distinguish between fantasy and reality. Trips to discover the secret places hidden away around Lisbon would not be complete without a visit to Sintra. Sintra was formerly the summer retreat of the kings of Portugal, and it has maintained the magic of ancient mediaeval towns. You can still find the influence of the Moorish occupation of Portugal during the Middle Ages, and gaze in wonder at the famous



tiles in the streets, and on the façades and interiors of some buildings. For those who are tired and would like something sweet to eat, there are horse-drawn carriages to take you to one of the many tea-rooms, where you can enjoy the famous "travesseiros" and "queijadas de Sintra".



Semester/key dates

Fall Semester: until 1-30 April,
Spring Semester: 1-31 October

[Academic Calendar](#)

Courses Available

Language of Instruction

At the ***Undergraduate level***, elective courses are mainly taught in English and most of the core courses are taught in Portuguese.

Language Requirements Students should have an intermediate level of English.

Portuguese Language Course A Portuguese language course for exchange students is provided in collaboration with the Faculty of Human Sciences. The course is offered every semester, starting at the beginning of September and February.

Availability and Course Descriptions

Undergraduate courses (1st cycle):

The List of Courses lectured in English is sent to the nominated students every semester

The **Syllabus** of all the undergraduate courses offered (Portuguese and English language) can be consulted [here](#).

Expected Workload

Undergraduate level:

30 ECTS is the normal semester workload for a CATÓLICA LISBON's student; exchange students, however, should follow their home university guidelines. 1 ECTS-Credit Point stands for an estimated workload around 25 to 30 hours.

The maximum advised workload per semester is **33 ECTS** (27 ECTS + Portuguese Language course).

Grading Scale

CATÓLICA LISBON grading scale is 0-20, 10 being the passing mark; grades are also expressed according to the ECTS grading scale

Living in Portugal

- **Cost of living (approximates)**
- **MONTHLY EXPENSES**
 - Housing in Lisbon € 200 - € 450
 - Meals, groceries and other essentials € 150
 - Public transportation € 30
(monthly pass for metro and buses/trams)
 - Other living expenses € 100
- **RANDOM PRICES**
 - Meal at CATÓLICA-LISBON - cafeteria € 3,79
 - Espresso € 0,65
 - Cinema € 5,20
 - Big Mac € 4,25
- [Website for Exchange Students](#)

Student Registration

Documentation required:

- On-line Application Form (sent to the students by e-mail)
- Scanned Copy of National Identity Card or Passport
- On-line Course Proposal Form (sent to the students by e-mail)

Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. You must complete and send us the Erasmus application form
4. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
5. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
6. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

Visa

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to Catolica University, and also that you fulfil any visa requirements for entering and studying in Portugal. For further information, please see the [website](#) of the Embassy in London.

Lisbon Infographic:

252 

sunny days per year

26° 

average summer temperature

10 

million tourists a year

7th 

most visited city in Europe

1756 

km of beaches

280 

million people speak Portuguese

4th 

most spoken language in the world

28 

tram n° perfect way to discover Lisbon

80 

museums and galleries

140+ 

music festivals

9 

sunny hours per day

30_m 

biggest wave ever surfed

4th 

most beautiful city in the world

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