

Admission tests and evaluation and selection criteria for candidates for admission to doctoral studies

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-Annex of the Regulation of the Doctoral School of International Relations and Security Studies for admission to doctoral studies 2026-

Admission to doctoral studies is based on a **competition** containing the following tests and specific criteria:

1. A specialized written test based on the topic proposed by the doctoral supervisor, which may include:
 - a) the relevance of the proposed research theme in the context of contemporary and interdisciplinary research;
 - b) presentation of the results of the candidate's previous research;
 - c) questions to verify the knowledge of the bibliography.
2. An interview in which the following will be analyzed:
 - a) the candidate's scientific concerns;
 - b) the candidate's research skills;
 - c) the proposed topic for the doctoral thesis;
 - d) the candidate's participation in scientific events, research projects and scholarships, publications, etc., proven by documents submitted by the candidate.
 - e) the candidate's language skills (if needed)

In justified cases, with the approval of the CŞD-RISS, at the proposal of the doctoral supervisor, the admission tests can be held online.

If any of the candidates expresses to the future doctoral supervisor their intention to carry out at least one component of the doctoral studies in a foreign language, then that candidate will carry out at least one component of the competition in that language. This component will be eliminatory and will be graded with pass/fail.

Each element of the tests will be evaluated by the members of the commission with a grade between 10 and 1, the average of these marks representing the average obtained by the candidate in the admission competition. Candidates who have obtained at least an average of 7.00 will be declared admitted, in descending order of the averages obtained and within the limit of the places put out to competition. The average is calculated with two decimal places without rounding. Tie-breaking criteria in the case of equal results are the average from the master's degree and the average from the bachelor's degree.

The admission contest for each candidate will take place on a date between **July 20 and September 10, 2026** and will be announced on the ŞD-RISS website.

The admission results will be posted on the ŞD-RISS website and on the UBB (ISD) website. Any appeals to the written tests are submitted within 24 hours from the posting of the results, online, at ŞD-RISS. Appeals are resolved and displayed within a maximum of 24 hours from the end of the deadline for submitting appeals. That decision is final. Appeals for the oral tests are not admitted, nor appeals based on ignorance of the admission methodology