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Selection Criteria for Admission to Doctoral Studies in 2026

NATURAL SCIENCES

Field of science, code		**Mathematics, N 001***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 1 point
0,05 x (WA)	1 x (I)	0,5 x (SW)
Minimum score		**6**

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

Field of science, code		**Physics, N 002***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score		**22**

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

Field of science, code		**Chemistry, N 003***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score		**22**

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

Field of science, code		**Biochemistry, N 004***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW)**
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**16**	

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** For full details on how Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works is calculated, see VU Life Sciences Center's internet page "Admission to Doctoral Studies".

Field of science, code		**Geology, N 005**
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**18**	

Field of science, code		**Physical Geography, N 006**
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA)*, up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,3 x (WA)	0,5 x (I)	0,2 x (SW)
Minimum score	**7,5**	

* Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (40%) and evaluation of the final master's thesis (60%).

Field of science, code		**Informatics, N 009***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points

1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**22**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

Field of science, code	**Biology, N 010***	
Selection procedure	**Motivational interview**	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW)**
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**16**	

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Field of science, code	**Biophysics, N 011***	
Selection procedure	**Motivational interview**	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW)**
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**16**	

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Field of science, code	**Ecology and Environmental Sciences, N 012***	
Selection procedure	**Motivational interview**	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW)**, up to 5 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**18**	

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Field of science, code		**Zoology, N 014***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW)**, up to 3 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score		**18**

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.
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TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Field of science, code		**Chemistry Engineering, T 005***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW)**
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score		**16**

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.
** For full details on how Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works is calculated, see VU Life Sciences Center's internet page "Admission to Doctoral Studies".

Field of science, code		**Informatics Engineering, T 007***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score		**22**

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

Field of science, code		**Materials Engineering, T 008***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**22**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

Field of science, code		**Medicine, M 001***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview (in the context of a research project)**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA)**, up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 2 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**16**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.
** For applicants who have completed two-cycle studies, the total weighted average of Bachelor's and Master's diploma supplements grades is calculated

Field of science, code		**Odontology, M 002***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview (in the context of a research project)**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 2 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**16**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

Field of science, code		**Public Health, M 004***
Selection procedure		**Motivational interview (in the context of a research project)**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 2 points
1 x (WA)	1 x (I)	1 x (SW)

Minimum score	**16**

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

THE HUMANITIES

Field of science, code		**Philosophy, H 001***
Selection procedure		**Research project and motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA)**, up to 10 points	Research project and motivational interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,1 x (WA)	0,7 x (RPI)	0,2 x (SW)
Minimum score		**5**

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.
** Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (50%) and evaluation of the final master's thesis (50%).

Field of science, code		**Philology, H 004***
Selection procedure		**Research project and motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Research project (RP) and motivational interview assessment (I), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,3 x (WA)	0,5 x (RP) + 0,5 x (I)	0,7 x (SW)
Minimum score		**10**

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

Field of science, code		**History and Archeology, H 005**
Selection procedure		**Research project and motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and motivational interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 1 point
1 x (WA)	1 x (RPI)	1 x (SW)
Minimum score		**16**

Field of science, code	**Ethnology, H 007***
Selection procedure	**Research project and motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients	

Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and motivational interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,1 x (WA)	0,8 x (RPI)	0,1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**6**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Field of science, code	**Law, S 001**	
Selection procedure	**Research project and motivational interview**	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and motivational interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,7 x (RPI)	0,1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**5**	

Field of science, code	**Political Sciences, S 002***	
Selection procedure	**Research project and motivational interview**	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and motivational interview assessment (RPI)**, up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,1 x (WA)	0,8 x (RPI)	0,1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**7**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

** The evaluation is carried out in two phases: in Phase I, the research project is evaluated in the absence of the candidate. The project is evaluated by all members of the admissions committee on a 10-point system, and the provisional score is calculated as the average of the score. If the provisional score is less than 7 (seven), the candidate will not be called for a motivational interview and will be excluded from the competition. In Phase II, the candidate will be interviewed by the admissions committee, which will decide on the final score of the research project.

Field of science, code	**Management, S 003**
Selection procedure	**Research project and motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients	

Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA)*, up to 10 points	Research project and motivational interview assessment (RPI)**, up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,7 x (RPI)	0,1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**7**	

* Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (50%) and evaluation of the final master's thesis (50%).
** The evaluation is carried out in two phases: in Phase I, the research project is evaluated in the absence of the candidate. The project is evaluated by all members of the admissions committee on a 10-point system, and the provisional score is calculated as the average of the score. If the provisional score is less than 7 (seven), the candidate will not be called for a motivational interview and will be excluded from the competition. In Phase II, the candidate will be interviewed by the admissions committee, which will decide on the final score of the research project.

Field of science, code	**Economics, S 004***	
Selection procedure	**Research project and motivational interview**	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA)**, up to 10 points	Research project and motivational interview assessment (RPI)***, up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,7 x (RPI)	0,1 x (SW)
Minimum score	**7**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.
** Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (50%) and evaluation of the final master's thesis (50%).
*** The evaluation is carried out in two phases: in Phase I, the research project is evaluated in the absence of the candidate. The project is evaluated by all members of the admissions committee on a 10-point system, and the provisional score is calculated as the average of the score. If the provisional score is less than 7 (seven), the candidate will not be called for a motivational interview and will be excluded from the competition. In Phase II, the candidate will be interviewed by the admissions committee, which will decide on the final score of the research project.

Field of science, code	**Sociology, S 005***	
Selection procedure	**Research project and motivational interview**	
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and motivational interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,6 x (RPI)	0,2 x (SW)
Minimum score	**6**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.

Field of science, code		**Psychology, S 006***
Selection procedure		**Research project and motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points**	Research project and motivational interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,5 x (RPI)	0,3 x (SW)
Minimum score	**6**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.
** Only candidates with a Master's degree in Psychology or equivalent higher education can apply.

Field of science, code		**Education, S 007***
Selection procedure		**Research project and motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Research project (RP) and motivational interview assessment (I)**, up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,1 x (WA)	0,2 x (RP) + 0,4 x (I)	0,3 x (SW)
Minimum score	**5**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.
** Only those applicants whose motivational interview score is at least 8 (eight) can be admitted to doctoral studies in the field of Education.

Field of science, code		**Communication and Information, S 008***
Selection procedure		**Research project and motivational interview**
The structure of the competitive score and their coefficients		
Weighted average of Diploma Supplement grades (WA), up to 10 points	Research project and motivational interview assessment (RPI), up to 10 points	Evaluation of scientific experience and scientific works (SW), up to 10 points
0,2 x (WA)	0,6 x (RPI)	0,2 x (SW)
Minimum score	**6**	

* One of the two recommendations that must be submitted upon application must be written by a potential supervisor.