

Evaluation criteria for the admission to the PhD course in Behavioral Neuroscience XXXVIII th cycle

CV and professional titles (max 15 points)

University final degree mark (max 5 points)

Mark	Points
110, 110 cum laude	5
109 -108	4
107 -106	3
105 -104	2
103 -102	1
<102	0

Students who have not obtained their title by the application deadline (or graduands who will obtain the degree by October 31st, 2022) will be evaluated on the average grade resulting from the list of the exams.

Average	Points
29 -30	5
28 – 28.99	4
27 – 27.99	3
26 – 26.99	2
25 – 25.99	1
<25	0

Publications

Description	Points
ISI (author)	5
ISI (co-author)	2

Book or chapter in book (author)	5
Book or chapter in book (co-author)	2
contribution to a lecture/ congress	0.5

Research experiences

Description	Points
Experience abroad (at least 2 months, including Erasmus)	2.5
Collaboration contracts	1
Training courses for researchers	0.5

Written test (max 30 points)

For the purposes of the selection, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to critically analyze a scientific text relating to the curriculum of the doctorate indicated by the candidate in the application. A scientific article will be proposed that the candidate will have to place in the theoretical area of reference and of which he/she will have to comment on the methodological appropriateness and consistency of the discussion with respect to the results.

In particular, the following will be evaluated:

- Knowledge of the state of the art (10 points)
- Ability to evaluate methodological aspects (5 points)
- Ability to evaluate the consistency of the discussion with respect to the results (5 points)
- Clarity and completeness of the presentation and appropriateness of the comment (10 points)

The test is passed with a minimum score of 16/60.

3. Oral test (max 30 points)

Candidates who have achieved a grade of at least 16/30 in the written test are admitted to the oral exam. During the oral exam, aspects concerning the qualifications presented, the written paper, the motivation letter and knowledge of the English language will be investigated and clarified. The scores will be distributed as follows:

- Discussion of the candidate's paper and qualifications: clarity of presentation, ability to summarize and scientific interest of the curriculum (10 points);
- Motivation and aptitude for research in the scientific areas of the PhD course basic preparation in relation to the curriculum and the topic (or topics) indicated by the candidate in the motivation letter (15 points).
- Foreign language knowledge (5 points).

The test is passed with a minimum score of 16/30.

The overall minimum score for admission to the research doctorate is 42/90.