

## **A - CV and Professional Qualifications (max 30 points)**

### **A1 - Master's Degree Grade (max 10 points)**

- Students who have obtained the degree within the application deadline

Grade	Points
110 cum laude	10
110	9
109 -108	8
107 -106	5
105 -104	3
103 -102	1
<102	0

- Students who have not obtained the degree within the application deadline but will obtain it by October 31, 2024, will be assessed based on the average of the grades of the exams taken, certified according to the following scheme:

Average grades	Points
29.00-30.00	10
28.00-28.99	9
27.50-27.99	8
27.00-27.49	5
26.00-26.99	3
25.00-25.99	1
<25	0

### **A2 - Publications (max 5 points)**

Description	Points
ISI Research papers	3
Books or book chapters	1
Contributions to conferences	1

### **A3 Additional educational/training/awards titles (max 10 points)**

Description	Max Points
Formative experiences (includes Erasmus programs)	3
Research collaboration contracts	2
Courses relevant to research activities	2
Awards	3

#### **A4 - Reference Letters (max 5 points)**

### **B - Research Project (max 30 points)**

No more than 1500 words (3/4 pages), including bibliography, in English.

The Committee will evaluate the inclination for scientific activity and the ability to organize the phases of the research autonomously and rationally.

In particular, the Committee will evaluate the following aspects of the project:

B1 - Knowledge of the state of the art in literature

B2 - Clarity, originality, and content of the research objectives

B3 - Appropriateness and quality of the research methodologies

B4 - Feasibility of the project

B5 - Relevance to the educational and scientific objectives of the PhD program

Minimum score for access to the oral exam on points A-B: 40/60

### **C - Interview (max 60 points)**

During the oral examination, the Examining Committee will further evaluate the qualifications, the scientific validity of the research project, and the candidates' motivation for scientific research. The Committee will also assess the candidates' level of English language knowledge.

Oral exam criteria:

C1 - Knowledge of the main themes of Political Economy (microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics)

C2 - Knowledge of the reference literature for the presented scientific research project

C3 - Expository clarity, logical abilities, appropriate use of scientific terminology

C4 - Motivations for scientific research and commitment to complete the doctoral cycle

Passing the oral exam requires a minimum score of 40/60.

**To be admitted to the PhD course, candidates must obtain a minimum overall score of 80/120 points.**