

U.PORTO

THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO



COOPERATION
BRIDGING CONTINENTS

The University of Porto (U.PORTO), founded in 1911, is today one of the largest higher education and research institutions in Portugal with more than 30,000 students, 2,300 academics and researchers and **1,500** administrative staff and the best positioned Portuguese University in national and international rankings. It has 14 Faculties, 1 Business School and 60 Research Units located in 3 campuses within Porto.

U.PORTO is the 1st choice of around 23% of the Portuguese applicants to the Higher Education System and it is also the leading producer of science in Portugal, responsible for 23% of the scientific articles produced in the country (annual growth rate of 12% since 2009). Providing high-quality training and education is of paramount importance to the U.PORTO.

The contribution of its research laboratories is crucial for the results of the scientific production, namely in the fields of health and life sciences; engineering/technology; natural sciences; agricultural and veterinary sciences and education.

It provides a vast academic offer in all study fields with more than 600 degrees at undergraduate, master and doctoral levels as well as professional training programmes, covering the whole range of study areas.

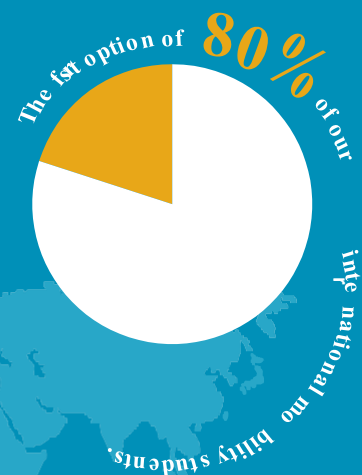
The innovation produced at the University of Porto has also led to the development of several new technologies and businesses. The Science and Technology Park (UPTEC) currently hosts 185 start-ups that are responsible for the creation of 1500 new jobs.

U.PORTO also has a strong commitment towards society and has been consolidating its social responsibility through the promotion of volunteering projects; intensification of the interaction with several local and regional civil associations in the organization of cultural, social and artistic activities.

Internationalisation is one of U.PORTO's strategic pillars and objectives, allowing the development of existing collaborations, as well as the establishment of innovative cooperation activities through the creation of active links with institutions from all over the world (2,200 active agreements).

In recent years, U.PORTO has coordinated and been involved in several projects, namely Erasmus+ (particularly International Credit Mobility, Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees, Capacity Building and Strategic Partnerships) and Erasmus Mundus projects, which represented a direct management by U.PORTO of roughly €36 million.

U.PORTO definitely opened its doors to the world by consolidating its internationalization process through the development of projects and initiatives with HEIs from nearly 150 countries.



THE UNIVERSITY OF PORTO WELCOMES EVERY YEAR MORE THAN

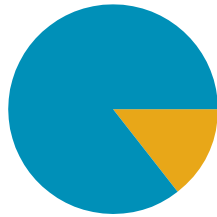
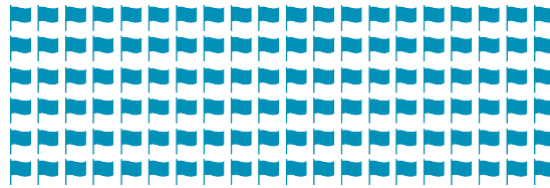


4000

international students

researchers and academic and administrative staff from

93
different countries



14% international students

of the total students enrolled

It participates, among others, in 9 European masters and joint doctorates under Erasmus Mundus Action 1 and is a leader in Europe regarding Erasmus Mundus Action 2, since it is the 3rd European HEI with more project coordination's (9) and the 5th European HEI with more partnerships (37).

U.Porto is positioned in **4 top rankings**

Among the best 100-160 European universities and among the best 200-300 universities in the world



97%

Of our international mobility student recommend the University of Porto at the end of their study period as

the best international experience!

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & PROCESS

Application Procedure for credit mobility

https://sigarra.up.pt/up/en/WEB_BASE.GERA_PAGINA?p_pagina=internacional-candidatura

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS



1. Passport photos



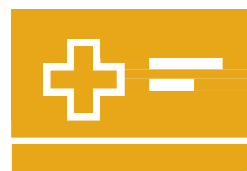
2. ID document

(Passport/ID Card)



3. Residence Visa for study purposes

(when requested)



4. Health Insurance

European Health Insurance
Card/PB4/Private Insurance

Application Deadline

Fall Semester May 15th

Spring Semester October 15th

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

U.PORTO ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2018/2019

Fall

Classes begin	September 10 th
Christmas Holidays	Dec.17 th – Jan. 2 nd
Exams period	Jan. 2 nd - Feb. 8 th

Spring

Classes begin	February 11 th
Easter Holidays	April 15 th to April 22 nd
End of classes	mid May
Exams period	Between June and July
End of Academic Year	July 12 th

Information about courses

https://sigarra.up.pt/up/en/WEB_BASE.GERA_PAGINA?p_pagina=cursos

Language requirements

Each course's teaching language is identified in the Education Offer of the U.Porto.

In this respect, it is noteworthy that although most of the subjects lectured are taught in Portuguese, the University of Porto provides a tutorial support in English to who may request for it. Also note that, some teachers may allow students to write assignments and take exams in other languages, namely in English, but this situation analyzed by each Faculty and can only be agreed upon arrival, in each individual case.

For second and third degree cycle programmes proficiency in English may be required.

Language Courses

Information about the Portuguese Language Courses offered at the U.Porto, is available online:

https://sigarra.up.pt/flup/en/web_base.gera_pagina?P_pagina=2419

For other Language Courses please check the list of Continuing Training Course:

https://sigarra.up.pt/flup/en/CUR_GERAL.CUR_TIPO_CURSO_VIEW?pv_tipo_sigla=CFC&pv_ano_lectivo=2014&pv_origem=CUR

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ECTS Credits

The University of Porto uses the ECTS Grading system. The number of ECTS credits for each course reflects the total workload a student is expected to devote to the course (in the form of lectures, homework, reading, essays, consultations, seminars, etc.). 60 ECTS credits are attached to the workload of a full-time year of formal learning (academic year) and the associated learning outcomes. At the University of Porto, one credit corresponds to 27 hours of student total work.

1 full academic year = 60 ECTS credits

1 semester = 30 ECTS credits

Local Grade

Grades awarded on a scale of 0-20 (pass mark 10)

18 to 20	Excellent
16 and 17	Very good
14 and 15	Good
10 to 13	Sufficient
0 to 9	Fail

ECTS Grades

The ECTS grading scale is based on the percentile (similar but not identical to the class rank) of a student in a given assessment, that is how was graded his/her performance relatively to other students enrolled in the last three years of the same curricular unit/course (or in a significant group of students). Therefore, ECTS grade does not have a direct fixed correspondence to the local grade.

ECTS Grade	% of students who have achieved this grade
A	10
B	25
C	30
D	25
E	10
FX	-

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Halls of Residence:

- Students can apply for accommodation when filling the Student Application Form
- The request will be only considered after the approval of the Learning Agreement proposed
- The attribution of places is done by the International Office of the U.Porto, by order of the application's acceptance
- The submission of the request does not guarantee the attribution of a place in the University of Porto Halls of Residence

Private accommodation

The U.Porto provides a list of private accommodations available in the city, however, since the management of these requests is external to the University, it cannot assume any responsibility in the attribution of this type of accommodation. Students interested in receiving the List of Private Accommodation should send an e-mail with the request

Main facilities

- 11 canteens + 1 restaurant + 6 snack-bars + 1 grill
- 9 Halls of Residence
- 16 Libraries
- 12 Museums
- 2 E-Learning Cafés
- Sports Centre

Wireless connection in all University buildings

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cost of Living

Housing

between €155 and €390 per month (in University Residence Halls)

between €200 and €350 per month (in private accommodation)

Meals

Between €165 and €250 per month (in University canteen)

Transports

€22,95 - €30,60 (monthly Z2 card)

Personal Expenses

For your reference, these are approximate prices of some products:

- Bottle of milk - €0.70;
- Bottle of water (1.5 l) - €0.40;
- 1 small bread - €0.12;
- Coffee (expresso) - €0.70;
- 1 meal - €2.45 (in the canteen);
- Bus/metro - €1.20 (1 Z2 ticket); €1.55 (1 Z3 ticket);
- Newspapers - €1.10 (daily) and €2.70 (weekly);
- Cinema - €5.10 (student ticket).

PORTO



Porto is located in the North of Portugal, on the north bank of the river Douro. It's the second largest city in the country, in an urban area with more than 1.3 million inhabitants. Four main bridges (Arrábida, Freixo, Luiz I and Infante) and two railway bridges (S. João and D. Maria – this one, considered an historical monument, is no longer operational) make it possible to cross the river to the other bank (Vila Nova de Gaia). Porto is a city characterised for its granite, which makes it a city "with character". Its climate is temperate, though quite damp.

Porto is settled since pre-historical times. It has since been inhabited by Romans, Iberians, Celts, Swabians, Visigoths and Moors (although the influence of the Moors is greater in the South).

In the national history Porto has always fought for its independence and love for freedom. Liberalism, liberty and patriotism are some of the values that have always been expensive to the inhabitants of Porto. The name "tripeiros", for which the inhabitants of Porto are known, arises from one of those proves of patriotism: in the 15th Century, the inhabitants of Porto gave away all their meat to supply the fleet that set sail from Porto, keeping only the tripe for themselves. This is the origin of one of the most traditional dishes of the local cuisine, "tripas à moda do Porto".

With a strong and dynamic bourgeoisie to which the city owes the epitaph of "City of Work", Porto has always been the city of trade. Its main export product is the Port wine, which enabled the renovation of the city: new roads and buildings were built, which accounts for the richness of the bourgeoisie of the time.

The historical richness of the city is accounted for in the labyrinth of narrow and rough streets of the medieval times and in its monuments (the Cathedral, the "Palácio da Bolsa", as well as several churches, museums and private houses). In 1996 UNESCO considered Porto "World Heritage". This decision was largely influenced by the undeniable historical and architectural richness, by the beauty of the city and by the urban and social renovation the city goes constantly through, especially in the oldest areas. This demonstrates the cultural and social vitality of the city, which is also proven by its several Universities, art academies, conservatories, museums and art galleries.

This enabled Porto to be considered in 2001 the European Capital of Culture, together with Rotterdam. As such, great projects have been implemented aiming at encouraging cultural dynamics and continuing the urban renovation Porto has been going through.

For all these reasons, Porto gained its place as a city of work, science, culture and leisure...

ARRIVAL TO PORTO

LOCATION

Porto is the second largest city in the country with an area of 42 km². It is located in the north of Portugal and in the northeast of the Iberian Peninsula, on the right side of the Douro River, close to its mouth. You will find it easy to get to Porto by car, train, bus, metro, boat or plain, due to a growing wide network.

BY CAR

Porto's privileged geographic location, complemented by a modern communication network, allows the tourist travelling from Galicia, the Algarve, Lisbon, Coimbra or any other part of Portugal to easily reach the city.

You can drive from Galicia to Porto in two hours and to the Algarve in five. Porto's road network includes three motorways: A1 Lisbon, with a connection to the Algarve; A3 Valença (Minho), with a connection to Galicia, and A4 Amarante (Trás-os-Montes), with a connection to Bragança.

BY PLANE

The Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport is a modern infrastructure equipped to cope with the huge air traffic to and from the city, located in an important commercial and industrial area (11 km from Porto), and providing various services, coffee shops and commerce spots.

RAILWAY STATIONS

- Campanhã: Located in the eastern side of Porto, this railway station includes international services, the Alfa Pendular, services between cities and regions, and Regional and Suburban services, which enables the connection to several destinations in the country and abroad.

- São Bento: Located in the centre of the city, this railway station includes suburban and regional services, as well as services between regions, which enables the connection to the several destinations in the city. It also offers an international service for Vigo.

TRANSPORTATION:

From the airport to the city centre of Porto:

- By Metro:

Line E (Violet) connects the airport station to the "Estádio do Dragão" station and the entire metro network. It is necessary to purchase an occasional Andante title required for travelling between the airport station and Oporto city centre (Title Z4). In the Andante shop located in the arrivals zone of the airport you can also buy the Andante Tour, an unlimited and intermodal title valid for 1 or 3 days.

You can take a look at the metro system map at:

https://www.metroporto.pt/uploads/document/file/370/MapaRede_NOVO.pdf

Additional information about the Metro lines is available at:

<https://www.metroporto.pt/>

Additional information about the bus lines is available at:

<http://www.itinerarium.net/wizard.aspx?ul=en-us>

- By BUS

601 or 602 will take you to the city center. Bus stop next to the Rectorate's building.

- By Taxi

It takes more or less 20 min to get to the city center and it costs around €25.



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