

The University of Porto (U.Porto) is the largest and one of the most prestigious Higher Education Institutions in Portugal, with origins dating back to the 18th century.

U.Porto is a comprehensive university, providing 290 degree programmes in all fields of study, of which 147 master and 89 PhDs. It is also the leading producer of science in Portugal with 2,680 articles (23% of the country's production) indexed in ISI Web of Science.

U.Porto counts 31,500 students of which 3,700 are international, 1,890 teaching staff and researchers and 1,650 administrative staff in 15 Schools and 60 research units. It participates, among others, in 24 European projects under Erasmus Mundus Action 2 (partnerships) and in 9 European masters and joint doctorates under Erasmus Mundus Action 1.

U.Porto is positioned in 5 rankings among the best 100 European universities and in 7 rankings among the best 350 universities in the world.

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## 2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & PROCESS:

Application Procedure for mobility	<a href="http://sigarra.up.pt/up_uk/web_base.gera_pagina?p_pagina=122272">http://sigarra.up.pt/up_uk/web_base.gera_pagina?p_pagina=122272</a>	
Application Documents	1. Passport photos;	
	2. ID document (Passport/ID Card);	
	3. Study Visa (when requested);	
	4. European Health Insurance Card (CESD)/PB4/Private Insurance;	
Application Deadline	Fall Semester	15th June
	Spring Semester	30th November

## 3. ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Information about courses	<a href="https://sigarra.up.pt/up_uk/WEB_BASE.GERA_PAGINA?p_pagina=1001599">https://sigarra.up.pt/up_uk/WEB_BASE.GERA_PAGINA?p_pagina=1001599</a>
Language requirements	<p>Although speaking Portuguese is not a pre-requisite to study at the U.Porto, most courses unit are taught in Portuguese. Therefore, learning Portuguese makes the integration the University and in the country easier. Besides, this is a unique opportunity to learn the third European language most widely spoken (about 250 million speakers on the world).</p> <p>Teachers may allow students to write assignments and take exams in other languages namely in English, but this situation can only be agreed upon arrival in each individual case.</p> <p>For second and third degree cycle programmes proficiency in English may be required.</p>

<p><b>Language Courses</b></p>	<p>Information about the Portuguese Intensive Language Courses offered at the U.Porto, available online:  <a href="http://sigarra.up.pt/flup/en/CUR_GERAL.CUR_VIEW?pv_ano_lectivo=2012&amp;pv_origem=CUR&amp;pv_tipo_cur_sigla=A&amp;pv_curso_id=220">http://sigarra.up.pt/flup/en/CUR_GERAL.CUR_VIEW?pv_ano_lectivo=2012&amp;pv_origem=CUR&amp;pv_tipo_cur_sigla=A&amp;pv_curso_id=220</a>  Erasmus Intensive Language Course (EILC) (only for Erasmus Students)  <a href="http://sigarra.up.pt/flup_uk/cursos_geral.FormView?P_CUR_SIGLA=EILC">http://sigarra.up.pt/flup_uk/cursos_geral.FormView?P_CUR_SIGLA=EILC</a></p>																								
<p><b>Institutional system for credits and grades</b></p>	<p><b>ECTS Credits</b>  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.</p> <p>1 full academic year = 60 ECTS credits  1 semester = 30 ECTS credits</p> <p><b>Local Grade</b>  Grades awarded on a scale of 0-20 (pass mark 10)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="671 792 1248 1048"> <tr> <td>18 to 20</td> <td>Excellent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16 and 17</td> <td>Very good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>14 and 15</td> <td>Good</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 to 13</td> <td>Sufficient</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0 to 9</td> <td>Fail</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>ECTS Grades</b>  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.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="730 1355 1189 1686"> <thead> <tr> <th>ECTS Grade</th> <th>% of students who have achieved this grade</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FX</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	18 to 20	Excellent	16 and 17	Very good	14 and 15	Good	10 to 13	Sufficient	0 to 9	Fail	ECTS Grade	% of students who have achieved this grade	A	10	B	25	C	30	D	25	E	10	FX	-
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<p><b>Student Visa</b></p>	<p>Students from EU countries are allowed in the country upon the presentation of their valid ID card or passport.  All foreign exchange students coming from non-EU countries should hold a study visa obtained at the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate in their home country. Additional information: <a href="http://sigarra.up.pt/up_uk/web_base.gera_pagina?p_pagina=122271">http://sigarra.up.pt/up_uk/web_base.gera_pagina?p_pagina=122271</a></p>																								

<b>University Housing</b>	<p><b>Halls of Residence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The procedure for attribution is on a "first come first served" basis.</li> <li>- The request will be only considered <u>after the approval of the Learning Agreement proposed.</u></li> <li>- <u>Your request does not justify a legal claim for receiving a room</u> in the University of Porto Halls of Residence.</li> <li>- An answer to the request will be given <u>in due time and always after the approval of the Learning Agreement by the U. Porto.</u></li> <li>- The University housing request is made through the online application form.</li> </ul>	
<b>Private accommodation</b>	<p>The International Office – Incoming Mobility Unit provides a list of available rooms/apartments upon request; however, <u>we do not assume any responsibility</u> for this kind of accommodation as it is not managed by the University. In case you are interested in this information, we will be pleased to send you the list under request.</p>	
<b>Insurance</b>	<p>Students should bring a travel / private Health Insurance, or the European Health Insurance Card. Medical Services of the University are also available for international students.</p>	
<b>Cost of Living</b>	Housing	<p>between 135 EUR and 200 EUR per month (in University Residence Halls) between 200 EUR and 300 EUR per month (in private accommodation)</p>
	Meals	<p>Between 150 EUR and 200 EUR per month</p>
	Transports	<p>30,00 EUR Approx. (for a Z2 Andante monthly pass)</p>
	Personal Expenses	<p>For your reference, these are approximate prices of some products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carton of milk - 0.60 EUR;</li> <li>• Bottle of water (1.5 l) - 0.39 EUR;</li> <li>• Roll of bread - 0.12 EUR;</li> <li>• 1 kg of rice - 0.70 EUR;</li> <li>• Coffee (expresso) - 0.60 EUR;</li> <li>• 1 meal - 2.35 EUR (in the canteen);</li> <li>• Bus/metro - 1.25 EUR (1 Z2 ticket); 1.45 EUR (1 Z3 ticket);</li> <li>• Newspapers - 0.90 EUR (daily) and 2.80 EUR (weekly);</li> <li>• Cinema - 4.00 EUR (student ticket).</li> </ul>
<b>5. Arrival &amp; Orientation Details</b>		
<b>Transportation to Porto:</b>	<p><b>Nearest Airport:</b> Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport with <a href="#">Metro</a> connection to the centre of Porto</p>	
	<p>To help the incoming mobility students in several issues and in the integration both in the city and university life there is a group of voluntary students, <a href="#">ESN-Porto</a> (Erasmus Student Network), which one can contact before/after arrival: <a href="mailto:info@esnporto.org">info@esnporto.org</a> / <a href="http://esnporto.org">http://esnporto.org</a>. You can also get information on how to get a Buddy in Porto (<a href="mailto:buddy@esnporto.org">buddy@esnporto.org</a>)</p>	
<b>Orientation</b>	Registration Meetings and welcoming reception	<p><u>Fall 2013:</u> September</p>
		<p><u>Spring 2014:</u> February</p>
<b>International Student Life</b>	<p><a href="http://www.esnporto.org/">http://www.esnporto.org/</a></p>	

**6. U.PORTO ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2013/2014** \* subject to adjustments

<b>Fall</b>	Classes begin	September 9
	Christmas Holidays	December 23 – January 3
	End of classes	December 23
	Final Exams	Between January and February
<b>Spring</b>	Classes begin	February 10
	Easter Holidays	From April 14 to 21
	End of the Academic Year	July 15
	Final Exams	Between June and July

**INFORMATION FOR FULL DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

<b>Tuition Fees</b>	The reference values for tuition fees of each study cycle are: 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle/Degrees and Integrated masters - 950 EUR/year; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle/Masters - 1250 EUR/year; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cycle/Doctorates - 3580 EUR/year.
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