

*The University of Porto is the largest higher education and research institution of Portugal and one of the top 200 European universities.*

*With origins dating back to the 18th century, is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Portugal.*

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## 2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & PROCESS:

<b>Application Procedure</b>	<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>	
<b>Application Documents</b>	1. Passport photos;	
	2. ID document (Passport/ID Card);	
	3. Study Visa (when requested);	
	4. European Health Insurance Card (CESD)/PB4/Private Insurance;	
	5. Pocket money (for daily expenses);	
<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>	30th June
	<b>Spring Semester</b>	30th November

## 3. ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

<b>Information about courses</b>	<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>
<b>Language requirements</b>	<p>The Universidade do Porto doesn't have specific language requirements. However, the subjects lectured at the U.Porto are mainly taught in Portuguese, so we recommend our incoming students to try to have some preparation in Portuguese before their arrival.</p> <p>Some 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>
<b>Erasmus Intensive Language Course (EILC)</b>	<p>Information about the Portuguese Intensive Language Courses offered at the U.Porto, available online:</p> <p><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></p> <p>Erasmus Intensive Language Course (EILC) (only for Erasmus Students)</p> <p><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>

<b>Institutional system for credits and grades</b>	<p>the University of Porto uses the ECTS Grading system. The number of ECTS credits for each course reflects the total number of hours 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 credits 1 semester = 30 credits</p>													
	<p>Local Grade</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Grades awarded on a scale of 0-20 (pass mark 10)</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <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>	18 to 20	Excellent	16 and 17	Very good	14 and 15	Good	10 to 13	Sufficient	0 to 9	Fail			
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<p>2 - ECTS Grades</p> <p>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 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" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th>ECTS Grade Nota ECTS</th> <th>% of students who have achieved this grade % de alunos que obtiveram esta nota</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>	ECTS Grade Nota ECTS	% of students who have achieved this grade % de alunos que obtiveram esta nota	A	10	B	25	C	30	D	25	E	10	FX	-
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#### 4. ADDITIONAL Information:

<b>Student Visa</b>	<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>
<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 in the online application form.</li> </ul>
<b>Private accommodation</b>	<p><b>Private accommodation:</b></p> <p>We provide a list of rooms/apartments available; however, <u>we do not assume any responsibility</u> for this accommodation as it is not managed by the University.</p> <p>In case you are interested on this information, we will be pleased to send you the list under request.</p>

<b>Insurance</b>	Students should bring a travel / private Health Insurance, or the European Health Insurance Card. Medical Services of the University are also available for students.	
<b>Cost of Living</b>	Housing	between 135 EUR and 200 EUR per month
	Meals	Between 150 EUR and 200 EUR per month
	Transports	30.00 EUR Approx. (for a Z2 Andante monthly pass)
	Personal Expenses	For your reference, these are approximate prices of some products: <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>

## 5. Arrival & Orientation Details

<b>Transportation to Porto:</b>	<b>Nearest Airport: Porto Airport</b> – Francisco Sá Carneiro with <a href="#">Metro</a> connection	
	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), with which you can get in contact before and after your arrival: <a href="mailto:info@esnporto.org">info@esnporto.org</a> / <a href="http://esnporto.org">http://esnporto.org</a> There you can also search for information how to get a Buddy in Porto ( <a href="mailto:buddy@esnporto.org">buddy@esnporto.org</a> )	
<b>Orientation</b>	Registration Meetings and welcoming reception	<u>Fall 2013</u> : September
		<u>Spring 2014</u> : February
<b>International Student Life</b>	<a href="http://www.esnporto.org/">http://www.esnporto.org/</a>	

## 6. UP ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2013/2014 \* subject to change

<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 of April 14 to 21
	End of the Academic Year	15th July
	Final Exams	Between June and July