U.PORTO is one of the largest higher education (HE) and research institutions in Portugal with ± 31,700 students, 2,500 academics and researchers and 1,700 administrative staff. It has 14 Faculties, 1 Business School and 60 Research Units located in 3 campuses. U.PORTO is the 1st choice of ± 24% of the PT applicants to the public HE System and is also the leading producer of science in Portugal, responsible for 23% of the scientific articles produced in PT (annual growth rate of 14% since 2006). Its research labs’ contribution 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. U.PORTO provides a vast academic offer in all study fields with >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 host 185 startups that are responsible for the creation of 1500 new jobs.
120 different countries

4000 international students
researchers and academic and administrative staff from

10% 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

Application Documents
1. Passport photos;
2. ID document (Passport/ID Card);
3. Residence Visa for study purposes (when requested);
4. European Health Insurance Card (CESD)/PB4/Private Insurance;

Application Deadline

Fall Semester  31st May

Spring Semester  October 15th
Information about courses

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:

For other Language Courses please check the list of Continuing Training Course:
Institutional system for credits and grades

**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)

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**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.

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**Student Visa**
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: https://sigarra.up.pt/up/en/web_base.gera_pagina?p_pagina=antes-de-partir

**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.

**Insurance**
Students should bring a travel / private Health Insurance, or the European Health Insurance Card. Free Medical Services of the University are also available for international students.

**Main facilities**
- 11 canteens + 1 restaurant + 7 snack-bars + 1 grill
- 9 Halls of Residence
- 30 Libraries
- 12 Museums
- E-Learning Café
- Sports Centre

Wireless connection in all University buildings
Cost of Living

Housing
between 145 EUR and 250 EUR per month (in University Residence Halls)
between 200 EUR and 350 EUR per month (in private accommodation)

Meals
Between 150 EUR and 200 EUR per month

Transports
€22.60 - €30.10 (monthly Z2 card)

Personal Expenses
For your reference, these are approximate prices of some products:
- Carton of milk - 0.70 EUR;
- Bottle of water (1.5 l) - 0.40 EUR;
- Roll of bread - 0.12 EUR;
- 1 kg of rice – 1.00 EUR;
- Coffee (expresso) - 0.70 EUR;
- 1 meal - 2.45 EUR (in the canteen);
- Bus/metro - 1.20 EUR (1 Z2 ticket); 1.50 EUR (1 Z3 ticket);
- Newspapers – 1.10 EUR (daily) and 2.70 EUR (weekly);
- Cinema - 5.00 EUR (student ticket).
**Transportation to Porto**

**Nearest Airport:** Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport with Metro connection to the centre of Porto

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, ESN-Porto (Erasmus Student Network), which one can contact before/after arrival: info@esnporto.org. You can also get information on how to get a Buddy in Porto (buddy@esnporto.org)

**Orientation**

Registration Meetings and welcoming reception

**Fall 2014:** September  
**Spring 2015:** February

**International Student Life**

To better prepare their mobility before the departure to Porto, students should consult the **Being International at the U.Porto** and **Living** sections in www.up.pt
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**INFORMATION FOR FULL DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

**Tuition Fees**

Under the International Student Status, recently created by the Portuguese Government, the University of Porto has special places available for international degree-seeking students, coming from non-European countries. Tuition fees vary, depending on the course/degree, and are set by each Faculty, between 3000EUR and 8500EUR per year.

Students from Portuguese Speaking Countries have a reduction of 50%.

Regarding National and EU-students, the reference values for tuition fees of each study cycles are:

- **1st Cycle/Degrees and Integrated masters** - 999 EUR/year;
- **2nd Cycle/Masters** - 1250 EUR/year;
- **3rd cycle/Doctorates** - 2750 EUR/year
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