1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of the university: Universidade do Porto
Location: Porto, Portugal
General website of the university: http://www.up.pt
Specific website for Erasmus Mundus Action 2 and/or EMINENCE students: http://emundus.up.pt

2. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL OFFER FOR EMINENCE APPLICANTS

In general, U.Porto does not have language requirements for incoming students. However, due to the language of tuition, some courses may require proficiency level in Portuguese (this information is available in each course’s website). The Faculty of Arts provides a wide range of language courses for students (English, German, Spanish, French and other non-EU languages). There is also available an Annual and an Intensive Course of Portuguese for Foreigners. The starting dates differ each year, but the intensive course is normally in September and in October and the annual course is given in each semester.

The EMA2 students coming to the U.Porto for a period equal or superior to 10 months will have a mandatory language course so as to allow them to be better prepared for their mobility period. Such language course will be paid by the participation costs funding (depending on the funds’ availability). All students whose mobility duration is less than 10 months will be offered the opportunity to participate in a language course but they will have to pay a small fee of approximately 200 EUR (varies each year) for enrollment.

Detailed information on application deadlines, enrolment conditions and other relevant information is available at http://www.letras.up.pt/gi/candidaturas/candauth.asp?tt=ea&ln=eng

- Languages of tuition

  • Undergraduate – The language of instruction is Portuguese but teachers may lecture and give exams in English and also provide text books also in English. Moreover, it is often provided tutorial support in English.

  • Master – Portuguese and English (depending on the course and tutor)

  • Doctorate – Portuguese and English (depending on the course and tutor)

  • Post-doc – Portuguese and English (depending on the tutor)

  • Staff – Portuguese and English (depending on the tutor)
3. PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The University of Porto has a strong experience in welcoming foreign students, especially Erasmus and Erasmus Mundus students from Central and Southeast Asia, Latin America and ACP countries.

Our International Office provides full support in the following aspects:

Preparation of mobility:

• Academic aspects – contact with faculties, help in choosing the right course(s) and in preparing/changing the study/research plan. The U.Porto makes available to all grantees a Survival Guide with detailed information.

• Visa – direct and permanent contact with embassies, consulates, European commission delegations, SEF (Foreign and Immigration Services) and MNE (External Relations Ministry) in order to speed up the issuing of the visas and solve any pending matter.


• Travel – whenever required by the coordination, the U.Porto will be able to book and pay for the scholarship holder’s travel to Porto.

• At arrival - Pick up at airport, support in registering at Finances and Foreign and Immigration Services (SEF), pre-opening of a Portuguese bank account.

After arrival all grantees are registered in the Cooperation Office of the Rectorate of the U.Porto.

In this welcoming session, students are provided with a student card and information about the city of Porto and the U.Porto.

Full degree students need to register and enroll in the chosen course. The students are informed about the required documents and the deadlines depending on the course and faculty.

The Erasmus Mundus team at the University of Porto provides all the support to students; the
contact person of the U.Porto acts as a liaison officer between the student and the officers at the Faculty.

During the mobility period, the Erasmus Mundus team organizes monthly mandatory meetings for all EM grantees as well as cultural and integration activities.

In the end of mobility, the U.Porto also provides support in obtaining and sending the diplomas (if applicable) and the declarations of participation.

The U.Porto books a room for all grantees at World SPRU (mixed residence). The general information is below:

Name: World SPRU - Sociedade Privada de Residências Universitárias
Location: Rua do Monte da Estação, Campanha, Porto
Contacts: Margarida Antas Botelho, Residence Hall Director
Telephone: 00.351.225 198 700
Fax: 00.351.225 104 504
Email: porto@spru.pt

Lodging units Area aprox.
Mensality * (VAT included)
Night** (VAT included)

| Individual Studio 14m2 / 15 m2 | 316,00 € 22,00 € |
| Individual Studio 17 m2 | 327,00 € 22,00 € |
| Individual Studio 19 m2 | 337,00 € 22,00 € |
| Individual Studio 21 m2 | 349,00 € 22,00 € |
| Individual Studio for handicapped people 23 m2 | 432,00 € 22,00 € |
| Double Studio (2 pax) 23 m2 | 502,00 € 35,00 € |
| T0 Apartment (2 pax) 25 m2 | 518,00 € 35,00 € |
| T0 Apartment (2 pax) 30 m2 | 626,00 € 44,00 € |
| T0 Apartment (2 pax) 34 m2 | 654,00 € 44,00 € |
Prices per lodging unit with VAT included. If there is any change in VAT rates, prices will change in same proportion.

*The price per month is the price of the lodgment between the first day of the month and the last day of the month (30 or 31)

* In the price per month water is included until 1,5 m3 and electricity is included until 50 KW per month.

** In the price per night water and electricity are included.

The monthly allowance matches the calendar month (from 1st to 30th / 31st each month).

Prices include lodging fully equipped, supply of towels and bed sheets and changing of these once a week, weekly room cleaning and daily common areas cleaning, use of common spaces and reception services, access to TV satellite channels and fast internet connection, excluding video and music downloads.

Not included in the price are telephone calls and facsimiles, and the use of self-service laundry. These services will be charged according to the actual use and respective tariff.

Name: Casa Diocesana de Vilar

Location: Rua Arcediago Van Zeller, 50
4050-621 Oporto

Contacts: Miguel Abreu

Telephone: +351 226 056 000
+351 910 274 982

Email: info@seminariodevilar.pt

Homepage: http://www.seminariodevilar.pt

The conditions are the following:

1. Normal Pack €350,00/month: includes accommodation (single room with TV and private bathroom), breakfast, bed linen and towels, cleaning and laundry service for personal items (except for leather, suits or uniforms or any type of particular clothes that demand a particular care)

2. Top Pack €600,00/month: includes all the services above mentioned in the Normal Pack plus all the meals for lunch and dinner.

For the scholarship holders that are travelling with their family members (husbands/wives) the prices are the following for both:

1. Normal - €500,00/month
2. Top - €800,00/month

It is also available wi-fi, bar, 24 hours reception and it is very conveniently located near the city center and the Faculty of Sciences, Arts, Law, Institute of Biomedical Sciences Abel Salazar and Architecture. The metro in Casa da Musica is also 10 minutes walking from this area.

Cost of living:

In spite of the perceived price increase after Euro has been introduced in 2002, Portugal has a relatively low cost of living, as compared to other EU Member States, although some products might be more expensive here than in other countries. The average monthly cost of living of a student in Porto can be estimated as follows:

Accommodation: between 150 EUR and 220 EUR;
Meals: between 150 EUR and 200 EUR;
Transports: 24.85 EUR (for a Z2 Andante monthly pass)

For your reference, these are approximate prices of some products:
Milk - 0.60 EUR;
Bottle of water (1.5 l) - 0.39 EUR;
Bread - 0.12 EUR;
1 kg of rice - 0.70 EUR;
Coffee (expresso) - 0.60 EUR;
1 meal - 2.25 EUR (in the canteen);
Bus/metro - 1.10 EUR (1 Z2 ticket); 1.40 EUR (1 Z3 ticket);
Newspapers - 0.90 EUR (daily) and 2.80 EUR (weekly);
Cinema - 4.00 EUR (student ticket).

Climate:

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 characterized for its granite, which makes it a city “with character”.

Porto features the warm-summer Mediterranean climate. As a result, its climate shares many characteristics with the coastal south: warm, dry summers and mild, rainy winters. Unlike the
south, however, cool and rainy interludes can interrupt the dry season and the season's average length is usually shorter.

Summers are typically sunny with average temperatures between 15 °C (59 °F) and 25 °C (77 °F) but can rise to as high as 35 °C (95 °F) during occasional heat waves. Nearby beaches are often windy and usually cooler than the urban areas. In contrast, occasional summer rainy periods may last a few days and are characterized by showers and cool temperatures of around 20 °C (68 °F) in the afternoon.

Winter temperatures typically range between 5 °C (41 °F) during morning and 15 °C (59 °F) in the afternoon but rarely drop below 0 °C (32 °F) at night. The weather is often rainy for long stretches although prolonged sunny periods do occur.

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.

For other useful information, please visit the website

https://sigarra.up.pt/up_uk/WEB_BASE.GERA_PAGINA?p_pagina=122426

The Erasmus Mundus Unit of the U.Porto sends to all its incoming grantees a Student Guide with useful information.

Students with special needs:

Disabled students should inform U.Porto in advance, so that provision is taken regarding their accommodation.

Some University halls of residence are already prepared to accommodate disabled people.

Faculties operating in modern buildings have adequate architectural devices, but that does not always apply to older buildings.
The SAED is a support service of the University which seeks to facilitate the integration of students with special education needs in the University of Porto. It aims to provide disabled students with the support they need to successfully accomplish their studies.

Given the inner traits of the University of Porto, particularly its geographical organization and the autonomy of its schools, this support service is a network of offices and/or staff of different schools intending to monitor students with special needs enrolled in each school.

Academic calendar 2014/2015 (provisional)

Beginning of the academic calendar 10th September 2014
Christmas holidays From 17th December 2014 to 1st January 2015
Carnival holidays 11th and 12th of February 2014
Beginning of the second semester 13th of February 2015
Easter holidays from 25th of March to 1st April 2015
End of classes 5th June 2015
End of academic year 17th July 2015

4. CONTACT DETAILS FOR CANDIDATES

Please give here contact to the person/s who can answer applicants’ questions.

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