



EXCHANGE PROGRAM

2026 CALENDAR*

	1st SEMESTER	2nd SEMESTER
Nomination	November 16	May 17
Application	November 30	May 31
Course Selection	January	July
Welcome Day	February 20	August 2
Classes Begin	February 23	July 31
Classes End	July 4	December 12

NOMINATION

Students must be officially selected and nominated by their home institution. The institution must fill in the [Nomination Form](#) before the deadline.

APPLICATION

Nominated students will be contacted by our Office and asked to submit their application through the Undergraduate or Graduate [Application Form](#) before the deadline.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Official transcript from home university

- Copy of passport
- 1 digital passport size photo
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume (only Graduate)
- Letter of support from Home Institution (only Graduate)

*The calendar is subject to changes.



LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

All programs are taught in Portuguese, B1 level is recommended but a certificate is not mandatory. Spanish speaking students usually do courses in Portuguese, as faculty can facilitate their experience in class.

Courses in English and other languages are limited and usually on interdisciplinary topics (Environment, Leadership, Culture, etc).

COURSE SELECTION

A preliminary course offer will be available one month after the application (June or December). Students can choose courses from different Schools, if approved by their home institution.

Course confirmation will only happen one month before the beginning of classes (January or July). It is mandatory to sign the Learning Agreement and update it whenever there are changes to the course selection.

CREDIT SYSTEM

Unisinos utilizes the contact hour system.

One credit equals 15 contact hours. Courses are normally distributed in 2, 4 or 6 credits.

Recommended semester course load

Undergraduate programs: 16 - 22 credits

Graduate programs: 8 - 12 credits

GRADING SYSTEM

On a scale from 0 (zero) to 10 (ten), 10 being the highest. Passing grade is 6 and attendance of 75% classes is also required.

OUR CAMPUSES

São Leopoldo campus has more than 400 classrooms, state-of-the-art laboratories and one of the largest libraries in Latin America. It also has lakes, gardens, and ecological preservation areas.

São Leopoldo was the first city founded by German immigrants in Brazil and currently is an industrial city with 240 000 inhabitants.



Porto Alegre campus offers more than 30 programs in the capital of the state. Integrated to the city, the sustainable building also hosts many events open to the public.

Some of the main attractions of Porto Alegre are the large and beautiful wooded parks, traditional restaurants, museums and a trendy nightlife.



UNISINOS SCHOOLS

● BUSINESS

Business Administration, Economics, Accounting

● HUMANITIES

Education, Philosophy, Social Sciences, History, International Relations

● POLYTECHNIC

Engineering, IT, Games, Geology

● CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Advertising, Design, Communication, Journalism, Fashion, Film and Music Production, Public Relations

● HEALTH

Medicine, Nutrition, Psychology, Nursing, Physical Training Pharmacy, Physiotherapy

● LAW

VISA

All students must apply for a student visa at a Brazilian Consulate in their country's jurisdiction before arriving in Brazil. **Acceptance letter will be provided by the International Office.**

ACCOMODATION

Unisinos does not have student residences or dorms. **Porto Alegre offers more options, but São Leopoldo has cheaper rent prices.**

LIVING COSTS

São Leopoldo	Monthly R\$ 1200 ~ 2200
Porto Alegre	Monthly R\$ 1800 ~ 3500
Visa Fee (one time)	Monthly R\$ 220

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students can choose any health insurance for the duration of their period in Brazil. A copy of the policy must be sent to the International Office before the arrival in Brazil.

PORTUGUESE COURSE

Unisinos Language Institute offers a free introductory course of Portuguese as a Second Language for exchange students during the semester. A transcript will be available by the end of the course for credit recognition.

ARRIVAL SUPPORT

International students should arrive one week prior to the beginning of classes to settle in and attend the Welcome Day. Before arriving, students will also be introduced to their Buddy Program student.

CONTACT

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