



# **HANDBOOK FOR UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

**PONTIFÍCIA UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA DO RIO  
GRANDE DO SUL – PUCRS**



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## 1 – WELCOMING WORDS

### WELCOME TO THE *PONTIFÍCIA UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL- PUCRS*

Dear Exchange Student:

The Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul - *PUCRS* would like to extend its warmest welcome to you and hope that you will benefit greatly from your stay as an exchange student.

This handbook aims to provide you with some practical and essential information you will need in order to have a smooth transition into university life and living in Porto Alegre in general. It won't cover every detail, but it is meant to give you some guidelines to help you feel more comfortable.

The Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul hopes to be a place where you can find friendly assistance and help whenever you need, and the team in charge of the Mobility Program will give you all the necessary support.

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## 2 – THE EXCHANGE STUDENT SERVICE OFFICE – Núcleo de Mobilidade Acadêmica

The Exchange Student Service Office (*Núcleo de Mobilidade Acadêmica*) is located at Building 15, room 116, at PUCRS Campus Central. We provide orientation for new students, and administer programs for the cultural exchange between our visitors and the community. You are welcome to contact us with any questions at any time!

### OPERATION HOURS & CONTACT NUMBERS

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### Exchange students



### 3 – PONTIFÍCIA UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL – PUCRS

#### 3.1 Presentation

##### PUCRS' Mission

PUCRS, based on ethical and Christian principles, as well as on the traditional Marist education, has the Mission of generating and spreading knowledge, enhancing humanistic and professional - oriented education. Quality and relevance are the main criteria taken into account, always pursuing a fair and fraternal society.

##### PUCRS' Vision

In 2010, PUCRS will be nationally and internationally know for its research, services and teaching excellence, with the innovative solidarity action trademarks, promoting interaction with the community, enhancing quality of life and stimulating dialogue between science and faith.

The Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul reached the status of a university in 1948, and was granted the title of Pontifical University in 1950. It is one of the largest and most distinguished institutions of higher education in Brazil. It offers **70** undergraduate programs in the following areas of study: Administration, Aeronautical Sciences, Architecture, Biosciences, Engineering, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, Dentistry, Education, Hotel Management, Journalism, Law, Languages, Medicine, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Physical Education, Psychology, Physics, Social Work, Theology, Tourism, and Zoology. It also offers **23 Master's** degree programs and **18 Doctoral programs**, in the following areas: Administration and Business, Cellular Biology, Criminal Sciences, Computer Science, Social Sciences, Surgery and Facial Traumatology, Social Communication, Law, Development Economics, Education, Mathematics and Sciences, Material Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Clinic Stomatology, Philosophy, Biomedical Gerontology, History, Languages, Medicine, Dentistry, Pediatrics, Psychology, Social Work, Theology and Zoology.

Holding a threefold focus: teaching, research and extension, PUCRS is highly committed to society, always pursuing ethical and Christian principles.

In order to meet the current needs of our competitive world, the university also emphasizes **entrepreneurship**, that is, the capacity to identify opportunities, evaluate them, and take risks. This requires initiative, efficiency, persistency, search for **quality**, and **commitment** to the society.

In professor Joaquim Clotet's words, PUCRS' President: "In order to face forthcoming challenges, PUCRS is committed to developing science, enhancing knowledge, and preparing academic students for their future challenging lives as citizens".

#### Board of Regents 2010



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#### **Number of Students:**

Total: aprox. 27 thousand

Undergraduate: aprox. 25 thousand

Graduate: aprox. 2 thousand

#### **Programs:**

Undergraduate: 70

Graduate - Diploma: 70      Master's: 23      Doctor's: 18

#### **Professors, Administrative and Technical Staff**

Administrative and technical staff: 4,297

Professors: 1,842

Professors' qualification

Master's Degree: 882

Doctor's Degree: 613

### 3.2 Our Campuses

PUCRS has three Campuses: The Campus Central, located in the capital city of Porto Alegre, Viamão Campus, in Viamão (approx. 25 km away from Porto Alegre), and Campus Uruguaiana, in the city of Uruguaiana (approx. 700 km away from Porto Alegre).

#### Campus Central



### Uruguaiana Campus



BR 472 Km 7 – Cx. Postal 249 CEP 97500-970 Uruguaiana/RS Brazil  
Phone: 55 (55) 3413.6464 Fax: 55 (55) 3414.0148  
Website: <http://www.pucrs.campus2.br>

The foundation of the first Faculty of Zoology established the opening of the Campus in Uruguaiana (634 km from Porto Alegre) for the development of the western region of the State of Rio Grande do Sul. The course opened in 1966, but the infra-structure of the campus was only inaugurated in 1987 together with the Faculty of Philosophy, Sciences and Languages.

### Viamão Campus



Av. Senador Salgado Filho, 7000 – Viamão, RS, Brazil – Cx. Postal 236  
CEP 94410-970

Phone: 55 (51) 3320.7100 – Fax: 55 (51) 3320.3826

Website: <http://www.pucrs.br/viamao> E-mail: [campusviamao@pucrs.br](mailto:campusviamao@pucrs.br)

The Faculty of Philosophy Nossa Senhora da Imaculada Conceição (Fafimc), run by the Marist Congregation since June 2002, was established as the Viamão Campus in March 2004, when its opening was authorized by Edict no. 898 of the Ministry of Education. The 15,000sqmt campus holds 32,000sqmt of built areas at Avenida Senador Salgado Filho 7000, in the Lisboa neighborhood. Accordingly, the area provides a pleasurable and safe atmosphere for study and social interaction both indoors and outdoors.

### 3.3 Academic Calendar and Holidays

### **Semester One**

Starts first week of **March**

Finishes beginning of **July**

04 to 10 July – Examination Week “G2”

21 to 28 July – Registration Week, according to each Faculty

Winter Break \*- **July**

### **Semester two**

Starts first week of **August**

Finishes beginning of **December**

04 to 09 December – Examination Week “G2”

Summer Holidays\* – **December, January, February**

**\*There are no regular classes on these months.**

### **NATIONAL HOLIDAYS**

#### **JANUARY**

01 - Holiday

#### **FEBRUARY**

02 – Municipal Holiday

#### **APRIL**

21 – National Holiday (“Tiradentes”)

#### **MAY**

01 – National Holiday – “Labor Day”

#### **JUNE**

15 – Municipal Holiday – (“Corpus Christi”)

#### **SEPTEMBER**

07 – National Holiday – “Brazil Independence Day”

20 – State Holiday – “Farroupilha Revolution”

#### **OCTOBER**

12 – National Holiday – “Brazil’s Patroness – Nossa Senhora Aparecida”

#### **NOVEMBER**

02 – Holiday – “All Souls Day”

15 – National Day – “Republic Proclamation”

#### **DECEMBER**

25 – Holiday – “Christmas Day”

### 3.4 Hints for Exchange Students

Once you have received an acceptance letter from your university, there are many things that you need to think about and do to prepare yourself for a rewarding international experience. The following is a short list of some of these things:

- Learn more about where you are going. It is very important to invest time into researching and reading about your destination country. Learn about its culture, geography, economy, and political and legal systems. The more you learn about where you will live, the more you will appreciate the experience and the faster you will adjust to your surroundings. Talking to other people who have visited, lived and studied there is one of the greatest sources of information, but remember, everyone has different experiences.
- Learn the Language.
- Make sure your passport is in order. We recommend that you make several photocopies, and you may want to keep your passport in a safe deposit box at a bank.
- Obtain a student visa. You will need a visa to live and study in most countries for any extended period of time.
- Book your flight in advance.
- Buy additional health insurance. Many universities offer health insurance to students at a very reasonable price
- Make money arrangements. You should have an international credit card with you. It's more convenient than traveler's checks if you are not used to them.
- Prepare an arrival plan. Before you leave, make sure someone will pick you up at the airport.

**International students from all parts of the world should know that they will receive a very warm welcome in Brazil!**

### Leaving Home

When you prepare to enter post-secondary studies, you are preparing for a time of significant change. Probable the most noticeable difference will be your increased independence. Depending on your choice of institution, moving away from home, learning to live on your own and making new friends can be added to the list of changes you will experience.

### Dealing with the Transition

Almost everyone who studies, lives or works abroad experiences some degree of culture shock. This period of cultural adjustment involves everything from getting used to the food and learning how to take a bus. No matter how patient and flexible you are, adjusting to a new culture can, at times, be difficult and frustrating. It is easy to get lost, feel depressed and homesick. You may even want to get back home! But it can also be a wonderful time in your life during which you will grow as a person. Living in a foreign country will open new doors, introduce you to new ways of thinking and give you the opportunity to make lifelong friends.

Don't panic. These are all normal reactions and you are not the only one to feel this way. Although you cannot avoid culture shock entirely, the following tips may help you.

- Attend orientation programs.
- Talk to more experienced students who have studied abroad.

- Talk to your professors who have studied abroad too.
- Join student organizations or clubs.
- Do not study all the time. Relax, explore and enjoy yourself at least some of the time.
- Take advantage of services that your university or community offers.

### **Things to bring with you**

- An alarm clock
- Pictures of your family and friends
- Medicine (pain killer, antibiotics, antihistaminic, eye drops, etc)
- Sun lotion, moisturizer
- An address book
- Plug adapters
- A camera
- Comfortable shoes and clothes

### **Documents to bring with you**

- Passport
- Student Visa
- Health insurance card
- Credit card
- Driver's license

## **3.5 Visa**

To study in Brazil as an undergraduate student, **you must get the student visa**, issued by the Brazilian Consulate in the country where you come from. The main documents to obtain the student visa are the following:

- Passport, with minimum validity of six months;
- Two 4 x 4 sized photos, frontal and light background;
- Certificate of residence in the consular jurisdiction;
- Letter of Acceptance from PUCRS (provided by the International Office);
- Form for application of visa (available at the site of Brazilian Consulate in your country).

## **3.6 Registration Procedures**

To study at PUCRS you will be required to write a composition in Portuguese, introducing yourself and saying why you want to study in Brazil. Send it to PUCRS – Exchange Student Service Office, Av. Ipiranga, 6681, Building 15, room 116 – CEP 90619-900 – Porto Alegre/RS Brazil with the Application Form.

Fill in the Application Form: the printed version or the digital version that can be found on our website ([www.pucrs.br/pma](http://www.pucrs.br/pma))

### **Include the following documents:**

- A text written in Portuguese saying why you want to study in Brazil.
- Résumé or CV;
- Recent School Transcript;
- A letter of recommendation signed by a professor of your institution;
- Two photographs, size 3x4;
- List of PUCRS' subjects/courses that you wish to take during the semester of the exchange program\*. Check on the correspondent Faculty ([www.pucrs.br/fau](http://www.pucrs.br/fau)) for the Architecture School (FAU), for example)

Remember that it is not PUCRS' responsibility to assure that your institution will recognize the courses or subjects attended during the semester of the exchange program. This is an exclusive decision of your institution.

It is mandatory to obtain a health insurance valid in Brazil during your stay. The documents must be brought to PUCRS' International Office.

The International Office will send the letter of acceptance to the International Office of your university.

It is the student's responsibility to apply for and obtain the student visa, but the International Office Staff will help you.

The Student Service Office Staff will help you find suitable accommodation in Porto Alegre. There are no Dorms on Campus.

## **DEADLINES TO SEND APPLICATIONS TO THE STUDENT SERVICE OFFICE**

**To start in March – by 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**To start in August – by 1<sup>st</sup> May**

### **WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT PUCRS**

You should arrive at PUCRS one week before the beginning of the semester. The first place you have to visit is the Student Service Office or the International Office. There we will give you general information about the University and how to register as an international student.

The international exchange student should have the original and a photocopy of these documents:

- Passport
- Health Insurance (valid for all the period in Brazil)
- One photograph

When the student finishes these registration steps, he or she will have PUCRS' Student ID card, which allows him/her to use all PUCRS' Facilities (Sports Center, Library, University Restaurant, etc.) in the same conditions as the Brazilian students.

### **WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR STUDIES AT PUCRS**

The Student Service Office will send the Official Transcript to the International Office of student Home University.

## **3.7 Examinations and Marks**

Students are assessed through participation in class, papers, and tests.

Students' first mark – called **G1** - is based on those. If the student's **G1** is 7,0 or above, (s)he does not need to do any other test, that means (s)he has been approved. If the **G1** is below 7,0, the student needs to take another test, called **G2**. In this case the student must have 5,0 as the passing mark.

## **3.8 Undergraduate Programs**

**Faculty of Administration, Accounting, and Economics – FACE – [www.pucrs.br/face](http://www.pucrs.br/face)**

### **Accounting**

Professionals can work on audit and certified accountancy, both judicially and extra-judicially; on organization of accountancy process and expense accounts; as controllers; on management, accountancy and tax consultancy; on financial and balance analysis; on cost analysis; on business accountancy and financial management.

### **Administration/ Systems Analysis**

Bachelors can develop information technology tools and models, and organizational communication.

### **Business Administration**

Bachelors can identify and diagnose problems and/or opportunities, and create solutions that make the development of an organization feasible; develop studies and research, plan, implement, coordinate and supervise administrative activities.

### **Business Administration/ Entrepreneurship**

Administrators can work on the development of knowledge and abilities to set up new businesses and enterprises; understanding of the specific dynamics of family businesses, as well as of elements that facilitate/hinder the family succession processes, aiming at maintaining the family entrepreneurship.

### **Economics**

Professionals can work on economic consultancy and research; planning, analyzing and issuing opinions about financial-economic aspects of any type of investments and financial operations.

### **Foreign Trade**

Professionals can work on management of import/export departments or companies, firming up economic agreements through studies and analysis of commercial opportunities, mercantile, customs and duty norms of the countries involved; activities related to international insurance and transport; consultancy in foreign trade or governmental departments.

### **International Trade**

Professionals can work on management of international businesses, which involve negotiation processes, strategic alliances, partnerships, required procedures in relation to other markets (such as importing and exporting; planning, sales, control, and delivery of products) based on current management tools.

## **Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism – FAU**

[www.pucrs.br/fau](http://www.pucrs.br/fau)

### **Architecture and Urban Sciences**

Architects can organize the physical space where human beings perform their activities, considering usefulness as well as technical, formal, historical and aesthetical aspects; work on assessment, preservation and care of the estate, and on preservation of environmental balance.

## **Faculty of Computer Sciences – FACIN**

E-mail: [informatica@pucrs.br](mailto:informatica@pucrs.br)

Site: [www.pucrs.br/inf](http://www.pucrs.br/inf)

### **Computer Sciences**

Professionals can work on management and administration in the computing area, develop components of operational systems, compilers, database management systems, and net communication protocols in the basic software area; project and develop automation and information systems for private and public companies, such as internet and intranet applications in the application software area.

### **Information Systems**

Professionals can: plan, analyze, and make use of information technologies related to organizations; work on projects, administration, and consultancy of information systems, searching integrating solutions (software, hardware, intranet, internet).

### **Faculty of Aeronautical Sciences – FACA**

E-mail: [ciencias-aeronauticas@pucrs.br](mailto:ciencias-aeronauticas@pucrs.br)

Site: [www.pucrs.br/faca](http://www.pucrs.br/faca)

#### **Aeronautical Sciences**

The program focuses on civil aviation. Professionals can work as airline pilots, commercial pilots, flight instructors, managers of airline companies, and consultants in the flight safety, training, flight operations and flight standard areas.

### **Faculty of Biosciences – FABIO**

E-mail: [biociencias@pucrs.br](mailto:biociencias@pucrs.br)

Site: [www.pucrs.br/fabio](http://www.pucrs.br/fabio)

#### **Biological Sciences**

Teaching program: Teachers can work with subjects related to the environment, biology and health. BSc graduates can work on consultancy, production, application or supervision of biodiversity projects in health, preservation of natural resources, and genetics improvement area, on the production of biotechnology sub-products, especially genetic engineering and analysis of environmental impact of construction.

### **Faculty of Law – FADIR**

E-mail: [direito@pucrs.br](mailto:direito@pucrs.br)

Site: [www.pucrs.br/direito](http://www.pucrs.br/direito)

#### **Law**

Professionals can work as lawyers, attorneys, counselors, solicitors, judges, prosecutors, sheriffs, and police officers. They are qualified to work in private, public and non-governmental organizations, trade unions, and associations.

### **Faculty of Philosophy and Human Sciences – FFCH**

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Site: [www.pucrs.br/ffch](http://www.pucrs.br/ffch)

#### **Geography**

Teaching programs: Teachers can work in primary and secondary schools. BSc graduates can work on geographical research, consultancy and planning in consultancy and advisory companies; in activities related to the environment, cartography, hydrography and tourism, both in urban and rural areas.

#### **History**

Teaching program: Teachers can work in primary and secondary schools. BSc graduates can work in museums and historical archives; advise on events in the media; work in cultural and entertainment programs, as well as in projects related to preservation of cultural and historical heritage.

#### **Philosophy**

Teaching program: Teachers can work in primary and secondary schools. BA graduates can advise institutions on the understanding of life matters, specially regarding ethics.

#### **Social Sciences**

Teaching program: Teachers can work in secondary education. BA graduates can work on survey and analysis of society related information; elaboration and management of departmental, regional, and global development plans; planning, coordination, analysis, and interpretation of social research; consultancy in social organizations and institutions.

### **Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Sciences – FEFID**

[www.pucrs.br/fefid](http://www.pucrs.br/fefid)

#### **Physical Education**

Physical education teachers can plan, coordinate, and supervise physical activities, sports, and recreation in schools, organizations and institutions.

### **Faculty of Nursing, Physiotherapy, and Nutrition – FAENFI**

[www.pucrs.br/faenfi](http://www.pucrs.br/faenfi)

### **Nursing**

Nurses can manage and develop activities of health care and education, employing nursing specific methodology, as well as plan and apply research focused on health.

### **Physiotherapy**

Physiotherapists can carry out kinetic functional diagnostic assessments of human body organs and systems; prescribe and employ physiotherapy specific methodologies and techniques; develop preventive, healing, and rehabilitation methods; implement and carry out research on health.

### **Nutrition**

Nutritionists can advise individuals or groups on nutrition matters aiming at longevity and life quality; manage food and nutrition services; participate in health and nutritional education teams.

### **Faculty of Engineering – FENG**

[www.pucrs.br/feng](http://www.pucrs.br/feng)

#### **Automation and Control Engineering - Mechatronics**

Mechatronics engineers can work on design, project, manufacture, production and maintenance of devices, machinery, automatic and robotic systems associated to knowledge of precision mechanics, electronics, computing and control.

#### **Civil Engineering**

Civil engineers can work on consultancy, project, and execution of constructions and technical reports; technical auditing; technical and scientific research focused on civil construction, structures, railway systems, highway systems, sewerage and water systems, and geotechnical and transport systems.

#### **Chemical Engineering**

Chemical engineers can work on the development of new techniques for obtaining raw material, transformation processes, quality control, environmental management and protection, industrial installation and equipment projects, and process automation and control management.

#### **Computer Engineering**

Computer engineers can work on the development of automation processes, and development and management of hardware and software projects, which involve embarked systems, real time systems, integrated hardware and software systems, distributed systems, computer net, and communication systems; computer programming, organization and architecture of computers, electronic, and electromagnetic circuits.

#### **Electrical Engineering**

There are three majors, Electronics, Energy Systems, and Telecommunications & Information Technology. Electrical engineers can work in the electro-electronic industry, energy companies, and in the telecommunication and information technology sector.

#### **Mechanical Engineering**

Mechanical engineers can work on execution of projects; development and production of devices and mechanical systems; consultancy in science and technology; management of companies; technical inspection; studies of technical-economical feasibility, technical reports, technical auditing, and assessment.

#### **Industrial Engineering**

Industrial engineers can work on the elaboration, implementation, operation, assessment, and maintenance of goods and services production systems, involving people, materials, technology, information, and energy.

### **Faculty of Pharmacy**

[www.pucrs.br/farmacia](http://www.pucrs.br/farmacia)

## **Pharmacy**

Professionals in this area can plan and execute clinical and toxicological analysis; carry out medicine, sanitation, and cosmetic research, development production and quality control, in large or small amounts; dispense medicine in hospitals and drugstores; develop activities related to public health.

## **Faculty of Physics - FAFIS**

### **Physics**

Teaching program: Teachers can work in primary and secondary schools. The BSc graduates in Medical Physics can work in areas related to radiology, radiotherapy, nuclear medicine, body and magnetic scanning, among others. Professionals apply physical principles and methods into medicine. Teaching and BSc programs can be taken simultaneously.

## **Faculty of Social Communications – FAMECOS**

[www.pucrs.br/famecos](http://www.pucrs.br/famecos)

### **Advertising and Publicity**

Professionals can: work on research, planning, creation, production, promotion and marketing; create ads and commercials.

### **Audio-visual Production: Cinema and Video**

Professionals can work, both in cinema and video production, as script writers, photographers, directors, producers, assistant directors and producers, audio editors.

### **Hotel management**

Professionals can work in areas related to hospitality, reception, booking, catering, and hotel marketing, among others.

### **Journalism**

Journalists search information; write, produce, and report news stories for electronic and press media as well as for the internet; give consultancy and advise on journalistic and social communication matters.

### **Public Relations**

Professionals can work on planning, applying and assessing communication strategies; organizing events; carrying out marketing research.

### **Tourism**

Bachelors can plan tourist activities; advise institutions on tourism matters; manage several types of tourism institutions, such as governmental departments, travel agencies, airline/road/maritime transport companies, event organizations, theme parks, hospitality companies, and restaurants, among others.

## **Faculty of Languages – FALE**

[www.pucrs.br/fale](http://www.pucrs.br/fale)

### **Languages**

Majors: Spanish and Portuguese, English, English and Portuguese, and Portuguese; Portuguese, English, and Spanish. Professionals can teach in primary, secondary, and language schools; translate technical and literary texts; edit and publish journals, books and other types of texts; carry out research and advise on language and communication matters; work as a writer and essayist, literary researcher, literary archives organizer, and in programs for developing readers.

## **Faculty of Mathematics – FAMAT**

[www.pucrs.br/famat](http://www.pucrs.br/famat)

### **Mathematics**

Mathematicians can teach in primary, high, and professional schools, as well as work in tertiary education; work in areas related to data processing, finance, engineering, astronomy, scientific research as well as work in banks.

## **Faculty of Medicine – FAMED**

[www.pucrs.br/famed](http://www.pucrs.br/famed)

### **Medicine**

Professionals can promote health awareness emphasizing the prevention of diseases; perform different types of healing actions in hospitals; rehabilitate patients after illnesses or surgeries reintegrating them into work and social activities.

## **Faculty of Dentistry - ODONTO**

### **Dentistry**

Professionals can prevent, diagnose, and treat problems in the oral cavity. Prevention aims at preserving tooth health as well as tissues which support the teeth through sophisticated diagnostic means. After that, the professional treats any consequences aiming at developing the individual's appearance and injured functions.

## **Faculty of Education - FACED**

### **Child Education**

Professionals can plan/mediate teaching/learning activities for children aged 0 to 6 years old, as well as relate the teaching process to the family and community.

### **Education: First Grades**

Professionals can work on consultancy, planning, and execution of programs in the first four years of primary school, fostering the learning/teaching process, the development of personal and collective identity, and the continuous construction of knowledge. (Main Campus)

## **Faculty of Psychology - FAPSI**

### **Psychology**

Professionals can provide psychological diagnosis and treatment, and intervene based on the analysis of inherited, environmental, and psychosocial factors.

## **Faculty of Chemistry - FAQUI**

### **Chemistry**

Teaching program: Teachers can work in secondary education. Bachelors can work on environmental control, water purification, metallurgy; in the petrochemical industry; on quality control and chemical analysis; on consultancy, research and development of new products aiming at the production and inspection of industrial chemistry. The two programs can be taken simultaneously.

## **Faculty of Social Work - FSS**

### **Social Work**

Professionals can carry out on social reality research, analysis, and intervention; plan, elaborate, implement, and execute social policies; advise individuals, groups, and social movements on access to resources and conditions that favor the protection and execution of rights.

## **Faculty of Theology - FATEO**

### **Theology**

Bachelors can work in parishes, chaplaincies, and schools; on research related to theology and religion.

## FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO STUDY AT PUCRS FOR THE WHOLE PROGRAM AND GRADUATE HERE

### INTERACTIVE EXAMS

Get ready for the Entrance-Exam, [www.pucrs.br/provas](http://www.pucrs.br/provas)

PUCRS is offering the community this pioneer on-line project; all the entrance-exams are commented on by the professors who write and revise PUCRS entrance-exams.

The INTERACTIVE EXAMS ("PROVAS INTERATIVAS") bring a set of past entrance-exams as a learning resource. There are three interactive modes: Isolated Exams, Mocks, and Commented Essays.

### ISOLATED EXAMS

Students "test" their knowledge on one or more subjects, as they wish, through the on-line self-assessment. After answering the 15 questions on the selected subject, the students get the detailed results, with information about right and wrong answers. On top of that, the system provides explanations about the contents of each question, so that students can learn more and/or have their own questions answered.

### MOCKS

Student can choose the complete past entrance-exams (all subjects) they want to be tested on, answer all the questions, and, at the end, choose their programs of interest. When the students finish the last question, the system will provide them with five results based on their exam marks and on a simulated essay mark (from 1 to 5). Besides, the students will know the mark ranges of candidates who were accepted in that program after that particular entrance-exam, so that they can compare their results to real ones.

### COMMENTED ESSAYS

Students are presented with the three essay topics of each available past entrance-exams as well as with the most effective way to approach each topic. The best real essays, which were produced by real candidates, are also presented for analysis.

This is a very user-friendly tool: first you access the entrance-exam section ([www.pucrs.br/vestibular](http://www.pucrs.br/vestibular)), find the INTERACTIVE EXAMS (PROVAS INTERATIVAS) and all relevant explanations. This service provided by PUCRS is completely free of charge aiming at improving the institution communication and COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY.

## 3.9 SERVICES AND FACILITIES

PUCRS Campus Central is located at 6681, Av. Ipiranga, Porto Alegre, RS, in the district of Partenon, a 20 minute bus drive from the downtown area.

Before you step on our "Campus Central", being familiar with our acronyms and initials is extremely useful. Here are the ones you will need to memorize:

**PUCRS:** Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul

**CENTRAL DE ATENDIMENTO AO ALUNO:** Student Service Center (building 15)

**REITORIA:** Office of the President

**AII:** Assessoria para Assuntos Internacionais e Interinstitucionais (International Office)

**PROGRAD:** Pró-Reitoria de Graduação (Undergraduate Provost Office)

**PRPPG:** Pró-Reitoria de Pesquisa e Pós-graduação (Research and Graduate Provost Office)

**PROEX:** Pró-Reitoria de Extensão (Extension Provost Office)

**PROAF:** Pró-Reitoria de Administração e Finanças (Administration and Finance Provost Office)

**PRAC:** Pró-Reitoria de Assuntos Comunitários (Community Affairs Provost Office)

**DCE:** Diretório Central do Estudantes (Students Center)

**DIR:** Divisão de Ingresso e Registro (Registrar)

**RU:** Restaurante Universitário (University Restaurant)

**MCT:** Museu de Ciência e Tecnologia (Museum of Science and Technology)

**AGT:** Agência Tecnológica (Technological Agency)

**G1:** average mark during the semester

**G2:** final examination for the students who didn't get a " 7 passing mark" during the semester

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- **22 Faculties**
- **6 Institutes**
- The Main Auditorium
- a University Hospital
- a Museum of Science and Technology
- a Distance Education Unit
- a Technological Park
- an Events Center
- a Sports Center
- an Environmental Research Institute
- a Computerized Library
- Language Labs
- Bio Labs
- a Church
- a University Publisher
- a University Advertising Agency



**Campus "Viamão"**



**Sports Center**



**Technology Park**



**Museum of Science and Technology**

## FACILITIES

- an International Restaurant
- a low-priced Cafeteria
- a Canteen
- several snack-bars
- 4 banks
- ATM machines
- a gift shop
- 3 bookstores
- a travel agency
- a post office
- a drugstore
- several photocopy centers

## FOOD: CANTINES AND SNACK BARS

Most Faculties and University Colleges at PUCRS have got their own cantina and restaurant, so students can have cold dishes, sandwiches, and menus (made up of two main dishes and dessert).

There is a Snack Bar in each building, where you can get hamburgers, sandwiches, cakes and pies, hot dogs, snacks, and what is called "um salgado" (a typical Brazilian salty snack).

Opening hours range from 8:00-9:00 to 21:30. Lunch is served at the restaurants from 11:30 approximately to 13:30. In some Faculties a self-service option is available, where students can choose the most suitable menu for them

There are also "All you can eat restaurants", which offer typical home-made food such as:

The "RU", our "Restaurante Universitário", building 3, low prices;

The Cantina (close to Colégio Champagnat), reasonable prices;

"Ponto Onze" at building 11, reasonable prices;

An International restaurant, called "Panorama" which serves Japanese, Italian, and Brazilian typical food.

### **BANK BRANCHES**

Banco do Brasil (Bldg 5),

Banrisul (Bldg 5),

Banco HSBC (Bldg 5).

ATM Machines: Bradesco, Banco Real, Banco Santander (Bldg 40)

### **MAIN LIBRARY "IRMÃO JOSÉ OTÃO" (Bldg 16)**

**LIBRARY "IPCT":** linked to the Engineering and Physics Departments; next to Scientific and Technological Research Institute. (Bldg 30)

**EVENTS CENTER:** important national and international events, such as seminars, conferences, symposiums, technological fairs, etc, take place at this building. It is directly linked to building 40.



**OTHER FACILITIES:** a Post Office, a Drugstore, a Travel Agency, 3 Bookstores, 3 Gift stores, an International Restaurant (Panorama). (Bldg 41)



**Bookstores**



**International Restaurant**

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

The Ministry Center is responsible for activities related to faith, culture and sciences, as well as to any other events which may contribute towards making the University a special place for human relations, holistic development and, celebration of life. The planning and development of the Freshers' Stand, a biannual activity which aims at welcoming new students, is within the Center's responsibility.

*Centro de Pastoral Universitário*, next to the High School called *Colégio Marista Champagnat*. People meet at this religious-oriented place for exchanging life experiences and discussing various issues, from scientific to religious matters. (Bldg 17)



**CHURCH "CRISTO MESTRE"**: modern architecture with mosaics on the walls, surrounded by trees and plants. It is a peaceful place where you will certainly feel comfortable and relaxed not only for praying but also for reflecting.



**SPORTS CENTER:** an updated 22,000 square meter gymnasium, located on Av. Ipiranga, between Av. Cristiano Fischer and the main entrance to the University Hospital. You can practice a wide variety of sports, such as: football (soccer), basketball, volleyball, swimming, hydro gym, weightlifting, tennis.

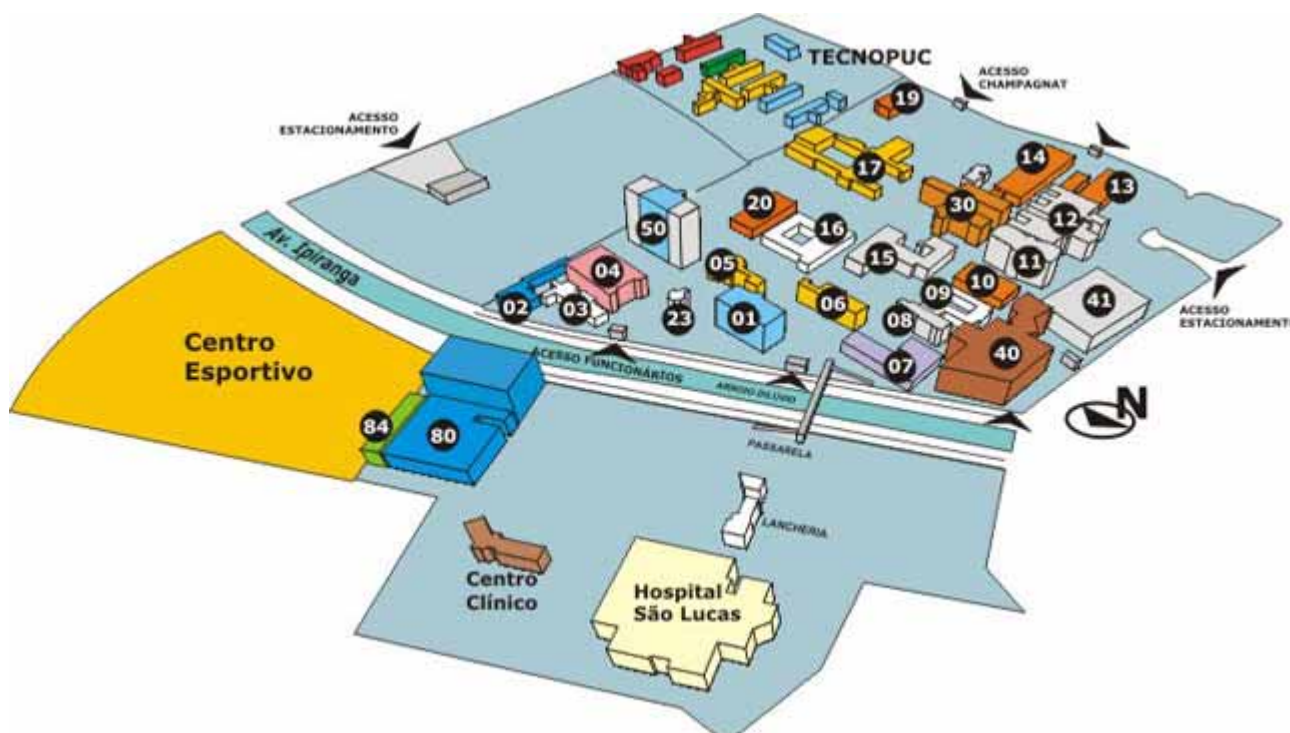


**Sports Center**

**DISTANCE LEARNING UNIT:** 9th floor - Distance Education courses aimed at Undergraduate and Graduate students from various areas. (Bldg 40)

**SESMT:** Serviço Especializado em Segurança e Medicina do Trabalho - medical assistance for students, faculty and staff while they are on the campus. (Bldg 8)

## MAP OF THE "CAMPUS CENTRAL"



**Building 1** - Administration Building - President's Office Building

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**Building 2**

Bank: Banco do Brasil

**Building 3**

University Restaurant (RU)

**Building 4**

Grand Auditorium - "Salão de Atos" Institute of Music

**Building 5**

Faculty of Philosophy and Human Sciences - FFCH

Faculty of Theology - FATEO

Banks: Banrisul, and Santander

**Building 6**

Faculty of Dentistry - ODONTO

**Building 7**

Faculty of Social Communications - FAMECOS

CPM - Multimedia Production Center

**Building 8**

Faculty of Languages – FALE

**Portuguese for Foreigners** – it is a course divided in two (2) academic semesters intended for those international students and people interested in learning or improving their Portuguese.

Registration shall be made at Building 40 – Secretary – 1<sup>st</sup> floor

**Japanese Institute**

DCE - "Diretório Central de Estudantes" (Students Services)

Griffe PUCRS

SESMT - Serviço Especializado em Segurança e Medicina do Trabalho (services specialized in safety and labor medicine)

**Building 9**

Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism - FAU

**Building 10**

Faculty of Physics - FAFIS

Faculty of Aeronautical Sciences - FACA

**Building 11**

Faculty of Law -FADIR

Faculty of Psychology - FAPSI

**Building 12**

Faculty of Biosciences - FABIO

Faculty of Nursing, Physiotherapy, and Nutrition - FAENFI

Faculty of Pharmacy

Faculty of Chemistry - FAQUI

Institute of Toxicology

**Building 15****Central de Atendimento ao Aluno (Student's Service Center)**

Faculty of Education - FAGED

Faculty of Mathematics - FAMAT

Faculty of Social Work - FSS

**Building 16**

"Irmão José Otão" Library

**Building 17**

Champagnat High School

Campus Ministry: "Centro de Pastoral Universitária"

**Building 19**

Restaurant - "Cantina"

**Building 20**

University Hall (Prefeitura)

**Building 23**

"Cristo Mestre" University Church

**Building 30**

Faculty of Engineering - FENG

Faculty of Computer Sciences - FACIN

Institute of Scientific and Technological Research - IPCT

Electronics Laboratory - LABELO

**Building 33**

### **Building 40**

PUCRS Virtual - Distance Learning Unit

#### **Museum of Science and Technology – MCT - PUCRS**

The Museum of Science and Technology was built to make science familiar to children, teenagers and grown-ups.

It has a 12,000 sqmt exhibition area, and aims at fostering curiosity and enjoyment for this sciences, showing natural phenomena and man-world relationships in a new and exciting fashion. It features 700 different scientific experiments.



**Museum of Science and Technology**

### **Building 41**

Events Center

### **Building 50**

Faculty of Administration, Accounting, and Economics - FACE

### **Building 55**

Medical Center PUCRS

### **Building 60**

Hospital São Lucas - HSL

Faculty of Medicine- FAMED

Institute of Gerontology and Geriatrics

Institute of Biomedical Research



**São Lucas Hospital**

### **Building 80**

Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Sciences - **Sports Center**

Gymnasium, fitness and dance studios, swimming pools, and multi-purpose courts, are some of the services provided by the Sports Center, which aim at meeting the needs of the Faculty of Physical Education, of the University community, as well as of the community in general. The 56,000 sqmt Center includes:



**Sports Center**

## **OUTDOORS**

2 soccer fields  
5 tennis courts  
2 tennis walls  
2 paddle courts  
1 Spiro-ball court  
1 bowls court

1 sand volleyball and soccer field  
1 society soccer field or two 7-on-7 soccer fields  
1 walking track  
1 running track and warm-up area

## **INDOORS**

6 multi-purpose courts  
2 squash courts  
3 tennis courts  
1 50-meter swimming pool  
1 aqua-aerobics and instructional swimming pool

1 aqua-therapy swimming pool  
1 multi-purpose tank  
1 Fitness room  
Martial art area  
Fitness, gym and dance studios.

## **Building 90**

### **Tecnopuc – TECHNOLOGY PARK**

PUCRS Technology Park, which occupies 5.6 ha of the Main Campus, is one of the most distinguished high-technology parks in Brazil, gathering over 31 companies, such as, DELL, HP, MICROSOFT, SONAE, as well as institutions of information technology, engineering, physics, and biotechnology.

Conceived with our students and the community in mind, the Technology Park generates countless jobs and opportunities, with currently over 1,200 people (students, professors, and professionals) involved in research and development projects. Another department, RAIAR, was created to offer students and professors conditions to develop their projects and create technology-based companies. It fosters research and entrepreneurship.



**Technology Park**

## **3.10 SPECIAL PROJECTS**

## **PRO-FORESTRY PROJECT**

The Pro-Forestry Environmental Research and Preservation Center, administered by the Environmental Institute of PUCRS, develops its activities in its own area of 4,500 hectares, covered by forests and native plants. It is located in São Francisco de Paula, in Rio Grande do Sul. The Pro-Forestry Project focuses on studies and implementations aimed at maintaining biological diversity, preserving endangered species and natural ecosystems, and also enhancing sustainable integrated development and environmental education.

## **SAJUG**

Division of the Faculty of Law, linked to the Legal Practice Department, the Free Legal Advice Service (SAJUG) aims at not only providing Law students with real professional legal practice, but also the needy community with free legal advice in civil, criminal, welfare, and labor areas.

In order to strengthen the identity, autonomy, and citizenship of the clientele, SAJUG relies on the support from the Faculty of Social Work.

No. of Court hearings: 843

No. of people assisted: 7,446

## **Itinerant Museum Project - PROMUSIT**

The Itinerant Museum, set on a last generation truck, transports around 70 scientific experiments and pedagogical kits to students in the countryside of Rio Grande do Sul. When unloaded, the truck becomes a modern exhibition hall with air-conditioning, a home-theater, satellite communication, internet, microscopy, besides other equipment.

From October 2001 to December 2004, PROMUST visited 63 towns, and was seen by 694,068 people.



**Itinerant Museum**

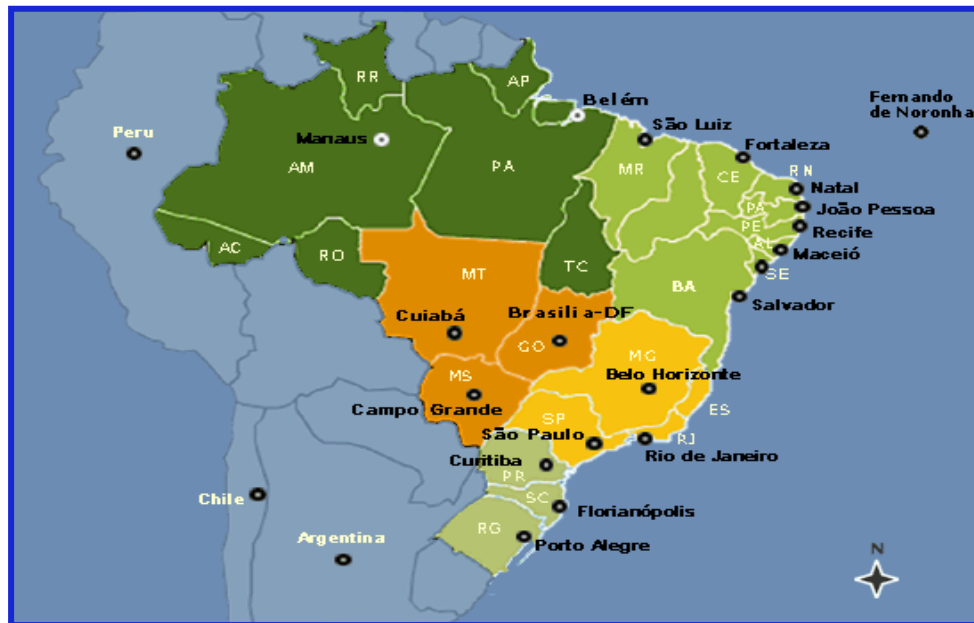
## **Science-School Project (PROESC)**

Founded in 2001, this is a very important social project for the state community. In order to enable underprivileged students to have an interactive science and technology education, the Museum of Science and Technology created the Science-School Project (PROESC).

Groups of students from disadvantaged schools have the opportunity to spend a day in the Museum of Science and Technology for free. The Museum additionally provides these students with free transport. From 2001 to 2004, 27,574 students from 105 different towns visited the Museum facilities.

## 4 – GENERAL PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### 4.1 BRAZIL



A country with continental dimensions, with 500 years of history. Brazil occupies an outstanding position in South America and holds necessary conditions to become one of the most powerful nations.

#### Historical Review

**April 22, 1500** - The Portuguese navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral fleets commander to India, arrives in the south coast of Bahia, in the same area of the current Porto Seguro city, thus discovering Brazil.

**September 07, 1822** - Dom Pedro I proclaims the independence of Brazil. **1824** - The Brazilian Constitution is elaborated.

**November 15, 1889** - Proclamation of Marshal Deodoro da Fonseca that finishes the Monarchism establishing a Federal Republic (1889 to 1930).

**1891** - The Legislative Congress promulgates the second Brazilian Constitution, the first of the Republic.

**1930** - Starts the "Revolution of the 30" overthrowing the President Washington Luiz and initiating the "Vargas Era" (1930 to 1945).

**April 1964** - Military Regime until 1984.

**1989** - The first election by popular vote for the Presidency is conducted and Fernando Collor de Mello is elected President of Brazil.

**1992** - Collor renounces and Itamar Franco becomes the new President.

**1993** - A referendum chooses the Republic and Presidential Regime to be the governmental system of Brazil.

**1994** - Fernando Henrique Cardoso, one of the articulators of the "Real Plan", is elected President and reelected in 1998.

**2002** - Luiz Inácio LULA da Silva is elected with over 60 millions votes coming up to be the second president in the world chosen by the largest number of votes.

## Geography

Located on the east side of the South American continent, the Federal Republic of Brazil, with the total area of 8,547,403 km<sup>2</sup>, occupies almost 50% of the continental territory. Around 58% of Brazil is covered by forests, including the Amazon Forest, the largest in the world. The country has eight fluvial basins, containing approximately 20% of the freshwater of the planet.

Brazil is divided into 5 regions (North, Northeast, Center-West, South and Southeast), with 26 states (Acre, Alagoas, Amapá, Amazonas, Bahia, Ceará, Espírito Santo, Goiás, Maranhão, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Minas Gerais, Pará, Paraíba, Pernambuco, Piauí, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul, Rondônia, Roraima, Santa Catarina, São Paulo, Sergipe, and Tocantins) plus the Federal District.

**Capital:** Brasília, located in the Federal District, in the Center-West region.

**Language:** The official language is **Portuguese**.

**Most Populated Cities:** São Paulo (10,838,581), Rio de Janeiro (6,051,399), Salvador (2,631,831), Belo Horizonte (2,350,564), Brasília (2,282,049), Recife (1,486,869) and Porto Alegre (1,416,363).

## System of Government

Brazil is a Federative Republic, governed by the Constitution of 1988. The Government of the Republic is organized in three branches: the Executive, exercised by the President elected every four years by the system of direct vote and aided by the Ministers of State; the Legislative, exercised by the National Congress, Legislative Assemblies and Municipal Chambers; the Judiciary, composed of the Supreme Court (Federal), Superior Tribunal for Justice, Federal Courts, State Courts, Labor Courts, Electoral Courts and Military Courts. The vote is secret and compulsory for 18-year-old people, although at the age of 16 it is optional.

## Population Indexes

According to a survey conducted in the year 2000, Brazil has approximately 180 million inhabitants, being:

81% urban / 19% rural

48.8% men / 51.2% women

Life Expectancy - 67.6 – men

75.2 - women

Illiteracy Index - 10%

**Currency:** The official currency is the **Real**. One American Dollar is worth approx. R\$ 1,8 (reais).

## Brazilian Foreign Trade

The main Brazilian products for exportation are: iron, ore, coffee, soybeans, aircrafts and automobiles. Manufactured items correspond to 58.6% of the total exportation, basic products are responsible for 23.3% and the semi-manufactured for 15.4%.

Among the importations, the principal items are petroleum and its derivatives, chemical and pharmaceutical products, industrial machines, electronic equipment and automobile parts. The principal trade partners of Brazil are the United States, Argentina, Holland and Japan.

**Religion:** Most Brazilians are **Catholic** (71%).

Further information can be found at the official website [www.brasil.gov.br](http://www.brasil.gov.br)

## 4.2 THE STATE OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL AND PORTO ALEGRE



Rio Grande do Sul (RS), the southernmost state of Brazil is located between the Atlantic Ocean, Uruguay and Argentina. It is a strategic geographical center for development of the Mercosur, the common market made up by Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil.

The state's economy is strongly supported by farming and cattle raising. The industry, mainly related to food, fabric, shoe and furniture, has been making remarkable investments in other sectors such as the chemical and mechanic-metallurgical ones.

By holding balanced socio-economical indexes, Rio Grande do Sul holds a position that grants to it the first place in the ranking of quality of life.

For Further information you can check at the official website [www.estado.rs.gov.br](http://www.estado.rs.gov.br)

### Useful information

**Area** (Rio Grande do Sul): 281,748 sqkm

**RS Population:** 10,726,063 (2004).

**Capital:** Porto Alegre      **Foundation:** 26th March 1772

**Bank Hours:** banks open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. There are several ATM (cash dispensers) throughout the city, especially at the shopping malls.

**Money:** The official currency is the **Real** (R\$).

\* One American Dollar is worth approximately R\$ 1,8 (reais).

There are notes of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 reais. There are coins of 1, 5, 10, 10, 25, and 50 cents (centavos), and a 1 real coin.

**Weather:** subtropical

Our weather can change rapidly, especially in the spring and fall. You will need to plan on layering your clothing while living in Porto Alegre. Dressing for students is casual. However, some students dress up for nightlife activities. Be prepared for really hot summers as well as for cold winters.

**Most populated cities:** Porto Alegre (1,416,363), Caxias do Sul (396,261), Pelotas

(338,544), Canoas (324,994), Santa Maria (261,980), Gravataí (259,100), Novo Hamburgo (251,854), Viamão (251,407), São Leopoldo (206,702), Alvorada (205,476).

**Inhabitant:** *gaúcho*

**Security:** as in most urban centers, you should behave with caution when out in the streets. Avoid walking alone, especially at night. Get a taxi to move around instead, especially the taxi services that may be called by phone. Write down some telephone numbers which may prove to be useful in case of trouble:

**Civil Police:** 194

**Military Police Brigade:** 190

**Federal Police:** 55 51 3371 2021

**State Highway Police:** 55 51 3339 5446

**Documents:** if you lose or have your documents stolen, make it known at the nearest police station or post office agency. It is also important to notify the Consulate or Embassy of your country of origin.

## 4.3 PORTO ALEGRE

### Special Pictures



"Laçador" Rio Grande do Sul Landmark



"Guaíba River"



"Chalé da Praça XV"



State Administrative Building



Downtown Area



Sunset



Public Market



"Cais do Porto" Harbour



"Capoeira"



"Praça da Matriz"

**Inhabitant:** *porto-alegrense*

**Population:** 1,416,363

**Vehicles:** 522,555 (2004)

**Daily newspaper:** 5 (2004) *Zero Hora, Correio do Povo, O Sul, O Diário Gaúcho, Jornal do Comércio.*

**Mayor:** José Alberto Fogaça de Medeiros

**Councilor:** 33 (2004)

Porto Alegre, the capital of the state, is an important center of regional attraction and one of the main business centers of Mercosur. It's a one-and-a-half- hour-flight from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to the south. Going northeast, it's a 1h30m-flight to Sao Paulo, the biggest city in Brazil and South America.

The city, with 1,400,000 inhabitants in the urban area, is characterized by intense cultural, educational, commercial activities as well as service rendering. It has an excellent hotel network, modern shopping malls, universities, theaters, and international restaurants, solid infra-structure in telecommunications, transportation, and health.

Wide green areas, a dazzling sunset in the *Guaíba* estuary and the traditional hospitality of the Gaucho are factors that also contribute to make Porto Alegre an unforgettable city.

Further information can be found at the official website [www.portoalegre.rs.gov.br](http://www.portoalegre.rs.gov.br)

## Education

Primary Education: 269,340 (74.5% public schools)

Secondary Education: 1,692,432 (91.9% public schools)

High School: 489,993 (87.5% public schools)

Higher Education: 285,699 (14.9% public universities)

Illiteracy Index: 6.3%

## Government

Governor: Yeda Crusius

Senators: 3

Federal Deputies: 31

State Deputies: 55

Electors: 7,543,188

Address: Palácio Piratini - Praça Marechal Deodoro, Downtown Area, Porto Alegre.

Phone: 55 51 3210-4156/4117

## Economy

Gross Domestic Product (PIB): 7.8% (2002)

PIB Composition Agronomy: 14.8%

Industry: 39.7%

Services: 45.5%

PIB per capita: R\$ 9,958 (2002)

Exportation: (US\$ 8 billion) (2003)  
shoes (18.1%), soybeans (14.2%), smoke (13.6%), automobile (8.1%), meat (7.2%),  
petrochemicals (6.8%), leather (5.3%)(2002).  
Importation: (US\$ 4.2 billion)(2003)  
petroleum and gas (26.9%) fertilizer (8%), nafta (6.1%), automobile parts (5%), grains (rice  
and wheat) (3.2%), machines and equipment (3.1%), miscelaneous (32.6%) (2002).

## Transportation

The city of Porto Alegre is relatively big (aprox. 1,500,000 inhabitants), and traffic is busy at the rush hours (between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m., and 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.). Therefore, try to leave home with enough time to avoid being late for appointments.

Means of transportation available:

**The bus:** The most popular and the cheapest public means of transportation is the bus (R\$ 2.30) or the mini-bus, called "lotação" (R\$ 3.50).

**Taxi:** The most convenient, however expensive (orange-colored vehicles)

For more information about transportation in Porto Alegre, access the site of the "Secretaria dos Transportes".

## Temperatures

From 21<sup>st</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> September – WINTER – between 2°C and 20°C

From 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> December – SPRING – between 15°C and 28°C

From 21<sup>st</sup> December to 21<sup>st</sup> March – SUMMER – between 25°C and 35°C

From 21<sup>st</sup> March to 21<sup>st</sup> June – AUTUMN – between 10°C and 25°C

## Gaúcho Gastronomy:

Gaúcho cooking is well-known for its plentiness and for its natural products of high quality. The Gaúcho gastronomy offers a wide variety of meat, mainly beef, eaten mostly broiled, grilled or barbecued.

Among Gaúcho most famous dishes, we can highlight:

*Churrasco:* barbecued beef

*Feijoada:* black beans cooked with pork

*Arroz, feijão e carne:* rice, black beans and meat

*Carreteiro:* chopped beef cooked with rice

After lunch, home-made desserts are served. For example:

*Sagu:* wine tapioc

*Doce de abóbora:* made from pumpkin, boiled and cooked with a lot of sugar

*Pudim:* like a flan

*Ambrosia:* dessert made from eggs and milk

*Negrinho:* sweets made from condensed milk with chocolate.

*Nega Maluca:* a chocolate cake with a thick chocolate syrup topping

### 4.3.1 ACCOMMODATION

The Student Service Center helps foreign students to find accommodation during their stay at Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul. The University does not offer Housing on Campus. Prices vary according to each district/neighborhood.

You can check Real State Agency Guarida website: [www.guarida.com.br](http://www.guarida.com.br)

**Here is a list of some of the places that provide living accommodations in Porto Alegre:**

**PENSIONATO SÃO BENEDITO (girls only)**

Rua Ramiro Barcelos, 1645 (1 block from Vasco da Gama)

Phone: 55 51 3311.5033/ 3311.4669

The rooms have 1 bed, a closet, and a table per guest. The bathrooms, TV room, laundry room, and dining room are shared. Refrigerator, one for every 5 girls. The laundry room has a dryer and clothes-lines, but no washing machine. Public telephone booths to receive and make calls. Opening and closing hours: 6:30 am to 11:30pm. It can be arranged for the curfew to be extended by an hour 1 day per week.

*NB.: Reservations are made well in advance as the pension is usually fully booked. (\$)*

**HOTEL RITZ**

Rua André da Rocha, 225

Phone: 55 51 3225-0693

Service includes weekly bed changes (\$)

**LAR RESIDENCE**

Demétrio Ribeiro 601

Phone: 55 51 3228-9111 (\$)

**JULIZ HOTEL**

Demétrio Ribeiro 621

Simple room (no bathroom)

Phone: 55 51 3221.6955 (\$)

**DOMUS RESIDENCE**

Av. André da Rocha, 158

Phone: 55 51 3228.5222 (\$)

**GARDEN APART HOTEL**

Santo Antônio, 629 - Bonfim

Phone: 55 51 3311.6866

Reservations must be made in a timely fashion as there is a very busy turn-over.

Cleaning service every 15 days (\$\$)

**MANHATTAN APART HOTEL**

Osvaldo Aranha, 390

Phone: 55 51 3311.1100

Contact: Paula. Reservations must be made 4 days in advance. These are studio apartments whose rent prices directly correspond to square footage as well as the floor number. No breakfast. Light/ telephone bills (+40,00/50,000) are charged separately (\$\$)

**POUSADA DO PARQUE**

Rua Santana 329

Phone: 55 51 3212.5553

These apartments have 1 room, and a complete kitchen and bath (\$)

**CLUBE FARRAPOS**

Av. Cristiano Fischer, 1331

Phone: 55 51 3334.6711

Website: [www.farrapos.org.br](http://www.farrapos.org.br) (\$\$)

**PLAZA REDENÇÃO**

Osvaldo Aranha, 550

Phone: 55 51 3311.2211 (\$\$)

**PORTO ALEGRE RESIDENCE**

André da Rocha, 131

Phone: 55 51 3225.8644 (\$\$)

**REGENTE APART HOTEL**

Barros Cassal, 620

Phone: 55 51 3311-54477

Payment in advance which includes parking space and breakfast (\$\$)

**APART HOTEL GARIBALDI ( EX LOS ANGELES)**

Rua Vicente da Fontoura 1507 (1½ blocks from Ipiranga)

Contact: Silvana.

1 bedroom apartments, living-room, kitchen, bathroom, washroom,  
parking space in the garage (\$\$)

**ARVOREDO**

Rua Fernando Machado 374

Phone: 55 51 3287.4466 (\$\$)

**MILLENIUM FLAT - BLUE TREE HOTELS**

Accommodates up to 3 guests. 2 bedroom suite w/ two bathrooms, living-room and kitchen.

Bedrooms have single or double beds.

Accommodates up to 4 guests.

Services: 24 hr security, sauna, pool, fitness center, bar, restaurant.

Av. Borges de Medeiros, 3120 - Praia de Belas

Phone: 55 51 3026-2200

Website: [www.bluetree.com.br](http://www.bluetree.com.br) (\$\$\$)

**HARMONIA RESIDENCE**

Rua Washington Luis, 258

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**CONTINENTAL HOTEL**

Duque de Caxias, 154 (opposite to Sevigñe High School) Centro

Phone: 55 51 3225-7774

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**ALBERGUES INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FEDERATION RIO GRANDE DO SUL - AGAJ \* IBN**

Rua dos Andradas, 1137/ 214 - Centro Porto Alegre - CEP 90020-008

Phone: 55 51 3226-5380 / 3228-3802

E-mail: [turjovem@zaz.com.br](mailto:turjovem@zaz.com.br)

Website: [www.albergues.com.br](http://www.albergues.com.br)

**4.3.2 LIVING EXPENSES**

Foreign students studying at PUCRS must have enough financial resources to cover their accommodation and living expenses during their stay in Porto Alegre.

Expenses during your stay at PUCRS will mainly depend on the type of accommodation you choose and on your own spending habits. An approximate monthly quantity could be R\$ 400.00 for accommodation, R\$ 300.00 for meals and R\$ 60.00 for bus transport (just in Porto Alegre).

1 furnished Kitinete	<b>Approximately R\$ 450</b> (280 dollars) monthly
A One-bedroom furnished apartment	<b>Approximately R\$ 600</b> (300 dollars) monthly
Homestay	<b>Minimum R\$ 500</b>

	(250 dollars) monthly, depending on what it is offered. Meals are not included
Bus fare	R\$ 2.30
Lunch	R\$ 5.00 = approx. 2.5 dollars (University rest) R\$ 9.70 = approx. 4.5 dollars (the "Cantina") R\$ 16.00 = approx. 8 dollars ("Panorama" rest.)
Espresso in a Coffee Shop	R\$ 2.50
1 "Salgado" a typical Brazilian salty snack	R\$ 3.00
1 Coca-cola can in the Market	R\$ 1.00
1 liter of milk	R\$ 1.40
1 packet of sliced bread	R\$ 3.50
Newspaper	R\$ 1.50
1 kilo of spaghetti	R\$ 3.00
Cinema	R\$ 6.00 = approx. 3 dollars (on weekdays) R\$12.00 = approx. 6 dollars (on weekends)
Entrance in a Disco	R\$ 25.00

#### 4.3.3 TELEPHONE CALLS

**Local calls:** just dial the phone number desired without the area code.

**Long Distant Calls:** dial 0 + operator number + area code (DDD) + telephone number.

**International Calls:** dial 00 + operator number + country code (DDI) + city code + telephone number.

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- 1) Federal Police: Av. Ipiranga, 1365 - Azenha POA/RS  
Phone number: **(55 51) 3235.9000**
- 2) DIVISÃO DE RELAÇÕES CONSULARES E DIPLOMÁTICAS  
Phone: **(55 51) 3228 9677 / 3288 1041**  
Fax: 55 51 3228 6582  
E-mail: [relcons@sedai.rs.gov.br](mailto:relcons@sedai.rs.gov.br)  
Av. Borges de Medeiros, 1501 - 16º andar  
CEP 90119-900  
Porto Alegre - RS - Brasil
- 3) Airport: Salgado Filho International Airport - Av. Severo Dullius - POA/RS  
Phone number: **(55 51) 3358.2000**
- 4) Post Office: **0800 570 0100**
- 5) Bus Station: **(55 51) 3210.0101**
- 6) Tourist Office: **0800 517 686 / (55 51) 3333.1873**  
Travessa do Carmo, 84 Bairro Cidade Baixa  
CEP 90050-210  
Phone: 55 51 3212.3464  
E-mail: [portoalegre@turismo.prefpoa.com.br](mailto:portoalegre@turismo.prefpoa.com.br)
- 7) First Aid Hospital: **(55 51) 3289.7999**
- 8) Telephone Information - 102
- 9) Fire Department – 193
- 10) Brigada Militar/State Police Department – 190

### 4.3.4 RNE (National Foreign Register – CARTEIRA NACIONAL DE ESTRANGEIROS)

All foreign students need to register with the Federal Police within 30 days of their arrival in Brazil. Some students arrive well ahead of the commencement date of their classes in order to travel and sight-see within Brazil and mistakenly assume that the 30 day period starts from the moment that they finally arrive at their city of study. On the contrary, this time frame is considered active from the date of entry into the country. Failure to comply with this stipulation compromises the legal status of the student and can lead from punitive action in the form of an accumulative fine to disciplinary action in the form of deportation. In Porto Alegre, this process is completed at the *Polícia Federal* at the following address:

**Polícia Federal: Avenida Ipiranga, 1365**  
**Bairro Partenon - Porto Alegre**  
**Phone: (55 51) 3235900**  
**Website: [www.dpf.gov.br](http://www.dpf.gov.br)**

#### The documents to be presented are:

- Passport plus a photocopy of all used pages in the passport
- Student Visa
- Presentation Form prepared by the Embassy
- 2 photos (3x4)
- Polícia Federal Form

- Two fees payment (R\$ 35,88 and R\$ 69,02 = R\$104.90). You can pay at the Polícia Federal, at SICREDI Bank

After registering with the Federal Police, the student will be given a small, slim, rectangular document called a "protocolo". This document has the student's photo on it and is temporary proof that the registration was carried out, and that he/she is legally present in the country. Under normal circumstances, after approximately three (3) months, the student can return to the *Polícia Federal* to exchange the "protocolo" for a normal plastic I.D. card. All foreign students are advised to keep either the "protocolo" or the I.D. card on their person at all times, especially when going out at night.

#### 4.3.5 OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

In order to open a bank account, you need to go to **Banco do Brasil** or **Banrisul** to pay a fee of R\$ 4.50 in order to do your CPF (social security number).

To do your CPF you should go to the **RECEITA FEDERAL (Av. Loureiro da Silva, 445 Phone: 55 51 3214.2000) with your original passport and the RNE (National Foreign Register).**

Carrying your CPF you come back to the bank to complete the process of opening the account and present the following documents:

- Passport/Travel document
- CPF (social security number)
- Proof of residence and the latest electricity bill
- Acceptance letter from Department of study (optional)

## 5 – PORTUGUESE

### 5.1 PORTUGUESE CLASSES

#### Exchange Programs

Undergraduate students enrolled in Institutions that have an exchange agreement with PUCRS can attend any undergraduate course according to their area of interest, provided that there are vacancies.

#### PORTUGUESE AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

As all undergraduate courses at PUCRS are taught in Portuguese, all exchange students who do not know Portuguese are advised to take Portuguese for Foreigners Classes. This is a 4-credit course, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm to 3:30p. These credits are obtained provided that the students are approved and attend 75% of the classes.

In order to know their level of Portuguese, students can take our online placement test.

#### OBJECTIVES

- To revise and introduce grammar and lexical items.
- To introduce different pronunciation registers according to Brazilian regions.
- To highlight different linguistic registers (e.g. formal x informal).
- To raise pragmatics awareness.
- To develop communicative competence at an intermediate level.
- To improve listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.
- To study and discuss the similarities and differences between the local culture and the target culture.

#### EVALUATION CRITERIA

Evaluation is based on the following criteria:

class participation (10%)

1 oral presentation/oral interview (30%)

2 written tests (30% + 30%)

#### RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

[www.sbs.com.br/tudobem](http://www.sbs.com.br/tudobem)

[www.sonia-portuguese.com](http://www.sonia-portuguese.com)

[www.sk.com.br/sk-psl.html](http://www.sk.com.br/sk-psl.html)

<http://empregocerto.uol.com.br/info/dicas/2008/12/30/ult7031u16.html#rmcl>

### 5.2 SURVIVAL PORTUGUESE

#### **USEFUL EXPRESSIONS WITH THE VERB "TO BE"** **EXPRESSÕES ÚTEIS COM O VERBO "ESTAR"**

I'm cold.	Estou com frio.
I'm hot / I feel hot.	Estou com calor.
I'm hungry.	Estou com fome.
I'm thirsty.	Estou com sede.

I'm afraid.	Estou com medo.
I'm sleepy.	Estou com sono.
I'm in a hurry.	Estou com pressa.
I have a headache.	Estou com dor de cabeça.
I have a stomachache.	Estou com dor de barriga.
I have a sore throat.	Estou com dor de garganta.
I have an earache.	Estou com dor de ouvido.
I have a toothache.	Estou com dor de dente.
I have a flu.	Estou gripado.
I have a cold.	Estou resfriado.

**MEETING PEOPLE**  
**CONHECENDO PESSOAS**

Nice to meet you. I'm glad to know you. It's a pleasure to know you. How do you do.	Prazer em conhecê-lo.
Nice to meet you too.	O prazer é meu.
How are you? How are you doing? How is it going?	Como vai?
Hi, how's it going?	Oi, tudo bom?
Hey, what's up?. (informal greeting)	E aí, como é que é?
How old are you?	Quantos anos você tem?
Do you have any brothers and sisters?	Você tem irmãos?
It's been a long time.	Há quanto tempo!
You're welcome. That's OK. Not at all. Don't mention it. It's my pleasure.	De nada. Não há de que. Disponha. Tudo bem. Que é isso! Capaz!
The same to you. You too.	Igualmente.
Excuse me.	Com licença. Dá licença.
Excuse me? Pardon? Beg your pardon? What? (less polite)	Como? O quê? (quando não se entende o que o interlocutor disse)
I'll be right back.	Eu já volto
I'll (I will) see you later (tomorrow). See you.	Até logo. Até amanhã
How was your weekend?	Como foi o final de semana?
Help yourself.	Sirva-se.

Be my guest Go ahead	
God bless you. Bless You.	Saúde! ( Quando alguém espirra)
Cheers!	Saúde! (Brinde)

**COMFORTING AND TRYING TO HELP**  
**CONSOLANDO E TENTANDO AJUDAR**

Can I help you? What can I do for you? What can I get for you?	Pois não? Que deseja?
It's up to you.	Você que sabe.
It's OK with me.	Por mim, tudo bem.
Either one. Whatever. It makes no difference.	Qualquer um. Tanto faz.
Let's go for a walk. Let's go for a drive.	Vamos dar uma volta?
Regards.	Abraços.
Take care	Te cuida.
Have a nice trip!	Boa viagem!
Watch out!	Cuidado!

**APPROVING, PRAISING, CONGRATULATING AND CELEBRATING**  
**APROVANDO, FELICITANDO, ELOGIANDO OU CELEBRANDO**

Sounds good.	É uma boa.
Great!	Ótimo! Maravilhoso!
It's OK with me.	Por mim, tudo bem.
Congratulations on your birthday.	Feliz Aniversário
You look good! You look great!	Você está (tá) bonita(o).
I got it! I did it!	Consegui!
Good job! Good work!	Bom trabalho!
He's doing all right.	Ele está se saindo bem.
She is very nice. She's very fine.	Ela é muito simpática. Ela é muito legal

**EXPRESSING THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS**  
**EXPRESSANDO PENSAMENTOS E SENTIMENTOS**

I'm homesick. I miss home.	Estou com saudades de casa.
I think so.	Acho que sim.
I' don't think so. I' m not so sure.	Eu acho que não.
Of course not!	Claro que não!
Exactly	Isso mesmo.
It doesn't help/It won't help.	Não adianta.

**ASKING**

### **PERGUNTANDO OU PEDINDO**

What do you call ... in English?	Como é que se diz ... em inglês?
What's the meaning of ...? What does ... mean?	O que é que significa ...?
Can you give me a ride? Would you ...? Will you ...?	Me dá uma carona?
What's going on in here?	O que é que está acontecendo por aqui?
What do you mean? What are you talking about? What are you trying to say?	Como assim? O que é que você quer dizer com isso? O que é que você está querendo dizer?
How do you spell it?	Como é que se escreve?

### **REGRETTING AND APOLOGIZING** **LAMENTANDO, ARREPENDENDO-SE OU DESCULPANDO-SE**

What a shame ...!	Que pena ! É uma pena ...! É lamentável ...
It's too late.	É tarde demais.
Sorry I'm late.	Desculpe pelo atraso.
I was just kidding/I was joking.	Eu estava brincando!

### **EXPRESSING SURPRISE** **EXPRESSANDO SURPRESA**

Guess what!	Adivinha!
Oh, really?!/Is that right?	É mesmo!?
+ -You don't say!	Não me diga! ...
I can't believe it!	Não acredito!
No kidding!	Tá brincando!
I was shocked.	Fiquei de boca aberta
I was taken aback.	Fiquei de queixo caído.
I got scared.	Levei um susto.
Are you serious?	Você está falando sério?
What for!?	Prá que!?
Oh my God! Jesus Christ! My goodness! Holy cow!	Puxa! Mas que barbaridade! Meu Deus! Minha nossa!

### **INTERJECTIONS (UNCONTROLLED LINGUISTIC REACTIONS THAT EXPRESS EMOTION)** **INTERJEIÇÕES (REAÇÕES EXPONTÂNEAS DE LINGUAGEM)**

Oh! That's different. (surprise caused by understanding)	Ah ... bom, aí já é diferente
Aha, now I understand! (mild surprise caused by a discovery or recognition)	Ah, tá, agora eu entendo
Wow! Look at that! (great surprise, admiration and approval caused by something exciting)	Nossa! Olha só!
Phew, what a day! (expressing relief after a tiring, hard or dangerous)	Bah! Que dia ...!

experience)	
Hey! What are you doing? (call for attention)	Ei! O que você está fazendo?!
Okay, let's do it. (acceptance and agreement)	Tá bom, vamos fazer assim.
All right, I'll do it. (agreement and obedience)	Tudo bem, já vou fazer.
Hi! How are you? (greeting)	Oi, como vai?
Hello, my friend. (greeting)	Olá, meu amigo.

## 6 – A FINAL WORD

The most important thing to remember as you prepare for postsecondary study is that a new world of opportunity is opening for you. Your time at the university will be full of incredible change and growth and will shape many of the future events in your life. Look forward to the opportunity and enjoy your days at the university.

We are waiting for you! Come to Live this World!

