

Fact Sheet for International Partners 2025

A. General Information	
Name of University	Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (Pontifical Catholic University of Sao Paulo)
Abbreviation	PUC-SP
Year of foundation	1946
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Website	www.pucsp.br
International Office's Website	www.pucsp.br/arii
Contact Information	<p>Address: Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC-SP) Assessoria de Relações Internacionais e Institucionais (ARII) Rua Monte Alegre, 984 (sala P-67) - Perdizes CEP 05014-901, São Paulo / SP - Brasil Tel. +55 11 3670 8011 or 3670 8012 dc-arii@pucsp.br Office hours: Monday to Friday, from 9:00 to 17:30</p>
Campi www.pucsp.br/universidade/campi-e-unidades-suplementares	<p><i>campus</i> Monte Alegre (<i>Main campus</i>) <i>campus</i> Consolação <i>campus</i> Ipiranga (Theology) <i>campus</i> Sorocaba (<i>in the city of Sorocaba</i>)</p>
Faculties / Colleges www.pucsp.br/universidade/faculdades	<p>Faculty of Exact Sciences and Technology [2] Faculty of Human Sciences and Health [1] Faculty of Medical Sciences and Health [4] Faculty of Social Sciences [1] Faculty of Law [1] Faculty of Economics, Administration, Accounting and Actuarial Sciences [1] Faculty of Education [1] Faculty of Philosophy, Communication, Letters and Arts [1] Faculty of Theology [3] Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies [1]</p> <p>1. <i>campus</i> Monte Alegre 2. <i>campus</i> Consolação 3. <i>campus</i> Ipiranga 4. <i>campus</i> Sorocaba</p>

<p>List of Undergraduate Programs www.pucsp.br/graduacao</p>	<p>Accounting Administration Arts: History, Critique and Curatorship Biomedical Engineering (<i>modular structure</i>) Civil Engineering (<i>modular structure</i>) Communication and Body Art Communication and Multimedia Computer Science Cyber-Physical Systems Engineering (<i>modular structure</i>) Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Design (<i>modular structure</i>) Digital Games Economics History International Relations Journalism Languages (English and Portuguese) Law Medicine (annual) - <u>not available for Exchange program</u> Nursing Pedagogy Philosophy Physiotherapy Psychology Publicity and Advertising Social Sciences Social Work Speech and Listening Therapy Theology</p>		
<p>Academic Calendar 2025</p>	<p>1st Semester: 2nd Semester:</p>	<p>Feb 17 – Jun 28 Aug 04 – Dec 06</p>	<p><i>Orientation week</i> Feb 10 – 14 Jul 28 – Aug 01</p>

B. International Exchange Information	
<p>Nomination Deadlines</p>	<p>1st Semester (Feb-Jul): October 15th of prior semester 2nd Semester (Aug-Dec): April 15th of prior semester</p>
<p>Nomination Procedure</p>	<p>Exchange students must be nominated by the partner universities.</p>
<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p>1st Semester (Feb-Jul): October 31st of prior semester 2nd Semester (Aug-Dec): April 30th of prior semester</p>

<p>Application Documents</p>	<p>Nominated students have to</p> <p>1) complete online form: https://forms.office.com/r/uhmrPhgHuL</p> <p>2) download and complete application forms: https://tinyurl.com/PUC-SP-Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (A) Application Form - (B) Medical Form - (C) Portuguese Level, <i>not necessary if the mother tongue of the student is Portuguese.</i> - (D) Preliminary Learning Agreement <p>3) upload the forms and additional documents: https://tinyurl.com/PUC-SP-Upload</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motivation letter (in Portuguese) – max. 2 pages; - Transcript of Records; - Photocopy of passport; - <i>Curriculum Vitae</i> (in Portuguese) – max. 2 pages. <p>➔ Only the digital copies of the application forms and documents are needed.</p>
<p>Portuguese Language Requirements</p>	<p>Intermediate level of Portuguese is the <u>minimum required</u> for all students, given the fact that classes offered at PUC-SP are taught in Portuguese. Applications of students with a lower level of Portuguese shall be considered; however, it may be required from these students a commitment to improve the language before the beginning of classes and/or the participation in the Portuguese Language Course offered by PUC-SP.</p> <p>International students are allowed to do exams and papers in English language.</p>
<p>Courses in English</p>	<p>For 2025, there are no elective classes in English available.</p>
<p>Levels of Studies</p>	<p>Undergraduate level: Exchange students that come to PUC-SP through a general bilateral agreement shall enroll in the undergraduate level courses (at least 15 credits, for student visa purposes).</p> <p>Graduate level: only Institutions that hold specific agreements with a graduate program at PUC-SP may nominate their students to the respective program.</p>
<p>Acceptance Letter</p>	<p>The acceptance letter will be issued after the approval of the application by the academic coordinator at PUC-SP. All letters will be stamped by a public notary and sent by e-mail to the partner international office. Some consulates accept the electronic version of the letter. If necessary the hard copy (by</p>

	<p>the post service), the delivery takes about 2 weeks to Europe and Americas, and 3 weeks to other destinations.</p> <p><u>Note:</u> If the exchange program is developed on a remote basis, acceptance letters won't be issued for student visa purposes.</p>
Visa Information	<p>All students without Brazilian nationality must hold a student visa or any other visa that enables study in Brazil. For in-person mobility, <u>students without the proper visa (ex.: student, Mercosul, diplomatic) will not be enrolled at PUC-SP.</u></p>
Enrollment at PUC-SP	<p>During the first two weeks of class, international exchange students will attend the subjects indicated in their study plan, before confirming their final Learning Agreements (at least 15 credits, for student visa purposes). International students cannot be enrolled in subjects that have reached their full capacity.</p>
Credit System	<p>The credit system at PUC-SP is based on the amount of contact hours (per academic semester) of the subject:</p> <p>68h-72h: 4 credits 51h-54h: 3 credits 34h-36h: 2 credits</p>
Grade System (undergraduate programs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grading scale: from 0 to 10 ▪ Lowest achievable grade: 0 ▪ Highest achievable grade: 10 ▪ Passing grade: 5.0 (except for the undergraduate programs in Law and in Administration, in which passing grade is 6.0) ▪ Medicine and Nursing: final results are "Satisfactory" and "Unsatisfactory"

C. Practical Information

Accommodation	<p>PUC-SP is an urban university and doesn't offer its own student accommodation. International students live in private accommodations, generally opting for nearby private student apartments (also called "<i>Repúblicas</i>", in Portuguese) or student residence. The International Office will provide a list of housing options near the university. The main campus is located in the neighborhood of <i>Perdizes</i>.</p>
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City of São Paulo	São Paulo is known for its endless skyline of concrete, unreliable weather, multinational companies, heavy traffic, diverse night life, and for hosting many of HE Institutions. For being one of the biggest and most populated cities in the globe, international students should expect a cultural shock.
Neighborhood of <i>Perdizes</i>	<p>Located in the west of São Paulo, Perdizes is one of the best regions of the city. The neighborhood is served with a good transportation system (near two subway stations - Clínicas and Barra Funda), and has all the essential services: supermarkets, banks, drugstores, hospitals, bakeries, open markets, restaurants, movie theaters, gyms, shopping malls, street commerce.</p> <p>The region also hosts a vibrant cultural life, with a large and important theater (known as TUCA); a Soccer Museum (Museu do Futebol); and the world famous SESC-Pompeia, one of the largest centers of cultural and leisure activities of São Paulo.</p> <p>Perdizes is also known for its parks and green areas, such as Água Branca Park (good for hiking, being in contact with farm animals and having a nice picnic); Zilda Natel Park (a favorite among the skaters); and the bike lanes that cross the main avenue in the region, Av. Sumaré.</p> <p>It also has a rich and varied gastronomy, with pizzerias, Japanese food, vegetarian and vegan restaurants, burger places, «self-service» restaurants, bars, and all that is good in a megalopolis.</p>
Safety	Despite the notion of São Paulo being an unsafe city, incidents rarely occur to our cautious international students. Students are oriented to stay alert in the city, and to never display their valuables or react against aggressors while in public venues.
Vaccination	Vaccination against <u>Covid-19, Yellow Fever, Dengue, and Measles</u> are recommended.

D. Living Expenses in São Paulo

São Paulo is considered a very expensive city compared to Brazilian and Latin American standards. Prices may vary depending on the neighborhood or individual habits of the student.	
Tuition Fees	No tuition fees are charged to our international students that come through a bilateral agreement. (Exception: Portuguese language course and continued education courses)

Accommodation	Prices of rooms in shared private apartments near the main <i>campus</i> might vary from R\$ 1800 to R\$ 3500 per month. Added services (pool, gym, etc.) greatly influence in the price of the accommodations.
Public Transportation	Bus and subway tickets cost R\$ 5,00 and R\$ 5,20 (each trip), respectively. The system can be integrated by using the smartcard “Bilhete Único”. This smartcard allows riders to discounted prices for multiple rides (including all means of public transportation) and facilitates transitions between transit systems. It can be purchased after foreigner’s registration procedure at Federal Police.
Textbooks & Class Material	R\$ 200 to R\$ 350 per semester (estimated cost). In some courses at PUC-SP, students make photocopies of the material used in class. This cost is estimated for courses that heavily rely on photocopies and have a relatively large amount of reading.
Food	R\$ 600 to R\$ 1000 per month. May vary according to the personal habits of the student. University restaurant: a meal costs approximately R\$18.
Federal Police Fees	R\$ 204,77, for mandatory registration process. www.gov.br/pf/pt-br/assuntos/imigracao/registrar-se-como-estrangeiro-no-brasil/registro-de-imigrante-detentor-de-visto
Pocket Money	R\$ 500 to R\$ 1000 per month. May vary according to the personal habits of the student.

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