



ESCOLA DE COMUNICAÇÕES E ARTES  
UNIVERSIDADE DE SÃO PAULO

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

Info sheet | 2026







## OUR SCHOOL

The School of Communications and Arts (ECA) is organized in eight departments where foreign students can take courses. The departments are:

- Department of Performing Arts (CAC);
- Department of Fine Arts (CAP);
- Department of Information and Culture (CBD);
- Department of Communication and Arts (CCA);
- Department of Journalism and Publishing (CJE);
- Department of Music (CMU);
- Department of Public Relations, Advertising and Tourism (CRP);
- Department of Cinema, Radio and Television (CTR).

## EXCHANGE AT ECA

Students can take a maximum of 8 disciplines per semester. The list of subjects is available at the [Jupiterweb system](#). Although we need a previous study plan, we offer two/three weeks, after the beginning of the academic semester, to the students make the necessary changes.

**All disciplines are taught in Portuguese.**

Many disciplines have special curriculum requirements that students should take into account before submitting their applications. Therefore, the requests will be analyzed considering the Transcription of Records and the Study Plan.

Before the beginning of the academic semester, there will be a meeting to give some important information. **The participation of the students is mandatory.**

The University of São Paulo doesn't offer accommodation to exchange students.

Internship programs for exchange students in Brazil are not allowed by the University of São Paulo.

Please, note that exchange students must be covered by an international health insurance.

# APPLICATION PROCEDURES

I. The Home University must send students nomination by e-mail to [incoming.eca@usp.br](mailto:incoming.eca@usp.br) (students' full names and e-mail addresses).

II. Students must fill the ECA's Application Form. After filling it up, they will receive an e-mail with a pdf file, which must be printed and signed by themselves and by the International Relations Office of their Home University.

III. The Application Form must be scanned and sent by e-mail to [incoming.eca@usp.br](mailto:incoming.eca@usp.br). Students must also send a document that certifies the intermediate level of Portuguese (proficiency certificate CELPE-BRAS or letter from the Home University attesting the level\*).

IV. Student will receive an e-mail confirming the receipt of the application. They will also receive a website's link to complete an online registration, where the following documents must be uploaded:

- Recommendation letter written by a Home University professor;
- Study Plan;
- Proof of Intermediate level of Portuguese\*;
- Transcripts of records issued by the Home University;
- Copy of the passport page that contains personal data;
- A photo in ".jpg" format (Max. Size 50Kb);

*\* Proficiency certificate CELPE-BRAS or letter from the Home University attesting the level. Brazilians living abroad must send a copy of their RG.*

**ATTENTION!** All the documents must be typed (handwritten documents won't be accepted) and no hard copies are needed!



## Academic year (USP)

Semester 1 (February – July)

Semester 2 (August– December)

### Nomination deadlines (ECA)

Exchange in the 1st semester (February - July):

**16th October**

Exchange in the 2nd semester (August - December):

**15th May**

### Application deadlines (ECA)

Exchange in the 1st semester (February - July):

**30th October**

Exchange in the 2nd semester (August - December):

**29th May**



# CREDIT SYSTEM & PORTUGUESE COURSE

## CREDIT SYSTEM

The USP credits can be divided into:

- **In-Class Credits (Créditos-Aula):** These refer to the time spent in class with professors.
- **Workload Credits (Créditos-Trabalho):** These refer to the time students are expected to dedicate outside of class—for example, studying independently, preparing presentations, doing fieldwork, reading required materials, etc.

1 In-Class Credit = 15 hours per semester  
1 Workload Credit = 30 hours per semester

For European students: given the structural differences between USP's system and the ECTS system, ECA has decided that **1 USP credit = 2.5 ECTS credits**.

This conversion serves as a **recommendation** for international students on exchange at USP and should be used as guidance by their home institutions' International Offices.

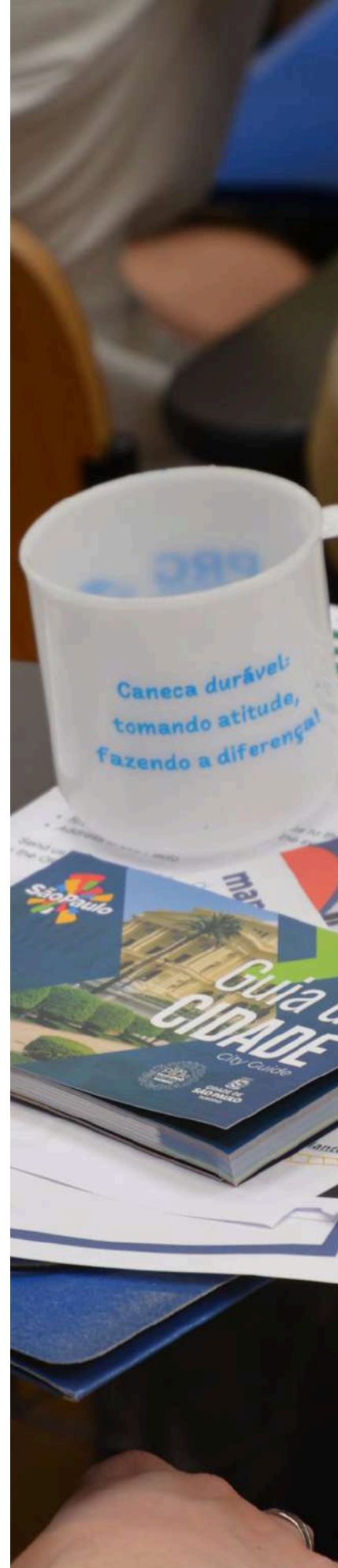
## PORTUGUESE COURSE

ECA does not offer classes in English, as the official language of instruction is Portuguese.

To apply, foreign students must present either a CELPE-BRAS proficiency certificate or a letter from their Home University attesting to an intermediate level of Portuguese (B1 or B2).

### USP Portuguese language courses:

- During the semester, exchange students may enroll in a Portuguese course offered by the Language Learning Center (Centro de Línguas da FFLCH). These courses require payment (around R\$150 per semester) and do not grant academic credits.
- USP also offers a course entitled *PRG0043 - Língua e Cultura Brasileiras para Intercambistas Internacionais na USP*, which introduces students to the basics of Brazilian language and culture. This course is free of charge and grants 3 USP credits.



# STUDENT VISA & HOUSING

## VISA

All international students who are not from Mercosur countries are required to obtain a student visa in order to study legally in Brazil. This visa must be obtained prior to arrival in the country, directly from the Brazilian embassy or consulate in the student's home country.

It is crucial to start the application process in advance, as visa issuance may take several weeks. **Please note that our university is not responsible for the visa application process of international students.**

The student visa allows the student to:

- Regularly attend classes;
- Remain legally in Brazil for the entire duration of the academic program;
- Access essential services, including:
- Opening a bank account;
- Issuance of a CPF (Cadastro de Pessoa Física – Brazilian individual taxpayer registry);
- Access to public healthcare services (SUS), which is internationally recognized.

## HOUSING

The University does not provide housing for incoming international exchange students. Therefore, each student is responsible for finding and arranging their own accommodation while in Brazil.

School of Communications and Arts (ECA) is located on the Butantã campus, in the western part of São Paulo.

The average cost of housing in São Paulo varies depending on the location and the type of accommodation selected.

We recommend looking for housing in the following areas:

- Near Gate 1 of the University campus or Butantã metro station;
- Neighborhoods such as Bela Vista, Vila Madalena, Vila Mariana, Pinheiros, Jardins, and Higienópolis.
- We also suggest choosing accommodations close to metro or train stations and avoiding, whenever possible, the downtown (central) area of São Paulo.



# LIFE AT USP

## TRANSPORTATION

Access to the campus is made easy by São Paulo's extensive public transportation network, which includes metro, train, and bus lines. There are stations located near the campus, and several bus lines not only reach the University but also circulate within it, connecting different areas of the University campus.

## BENEFITS

The University offers several benefits to exchange students, including:

- USP Card – Grants access to the University Restaurant, free admission to University museums, discounts on books published by EDUSP (the University's publishing house), and cultural events such as films, concerts, theater performances, football matches, and other sports events. It also allows the use of the University's sports centers and borrowing books from campus libraries.
- USP Bus Card – Provides free and convenient access to the circular bus lines that operate within the Cidade Universitária – Butantã campus, connecting different parts of the University.

## RESTAURANTS

The Butantã campus has four University Restaurants, offering meals at highly affordable prices. Currently, the cost is R\$2.00 for lunch or dinner and R\$0.50 for breakfast.

## HEALTH

Brazil has a public healthcare system, the Unified Health System (SUS), which offers free medical care to the entire population, including foreigners with legal status in the country. In emergency situations, exchange students may receive care at the University Hospital (HU), located within the Cidade Universitária campus.

However, it is mandatory for international students to have valid health insurance, in order to ensure coverage for non-emergency services, such as medical consultations, exams, and other routine care during their stay in Brazil.





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# INFORMATION & CONTACT

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1pm — 5pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 9am — 1pm