



UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DO CEARÁ

Federal University of Ceará

2019 Factsheet

Established

UFC is the oldest institution of higher education in the state of Ceará, established by federal law in 1954. It currently ranks 13th amongst Brazilian public universities according to the THE World University Rankings 2020.

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UFC at a Glance

- Undergraduate students: 27,763
- Graduate students: 6,992
 - 395 specialization degree students
 - 3,724 master's degree students
 - 2,873 doctoral degree students
- Faculty: 2,297
- Technical-Administrative Staff: 3,420
- Undergraduate programs: 117
- Graduate programs: 125
- Research groups: 296
- CNPq Productivity Scholarship holders: 284

Source: [2019-2018 Statistical Yearbook](#). *These numbers reflect student enrollment and personnel numbers for the 2018 academic year.*

University Hospital and Maternity Clinic and Medical School

369 beds

13,838 surgeries

200 transplants

332,521 appointments

4,854 deliveries

1,082 extension activities

11,613 internships

General Information for International Students

Course Offerings

In principle, international students may be granted access to any and all courses, as long as they meet the necessary prerequisites and provided that there are no scheduling conflicts. However, the decision to accept international students falls solely on the coordinating office of each program, commensurate with their capacities. Please visit our [webpage](#) for more information.

Language of Instruction

Portuguese is the main language of instruction at UFC. Portuguese as Foreign Language courses are available at no cost to applicants, but students should acquire a working knowledge prior to their arrival in Brazil.

General Application Requirements

Enrollment: all incoming mobility candidates, including Internship applicants, must be regularly enrolled at their home institution.

Language: Although there is no formal requirement, it is strongly recommended that international students be able to communicate in Portuguese proficiently.

Required Documents:

- Application Form (see link below)
- Academic Transcript
- Motivation Letter
- Letter of Recommendation signed by the coordinator of international affairs at the home institution
- A photocopy of the applicant's passport

Internships: the application procedure for internships (medical or otherwise) is largely similar to the general academic mobility procedure. However, a different [Application Form](#) must be submitted for Medical Internships. Additional information on such processes can be found on the link above as well. As with Academic Mobility in general, students must be properly enrolled at their home institution. These processes may take longer than those concerning regular exchange periods.

For more details on application procedures, please [click here](#).

Visa requirements: all international students must hold Student Visas, which may be obtained at a Brazilian Consulate in their country of origin before entering Brazil, with the documentation provided by UFC. This also applies to internships, even if their estimated duration is shorter than the period covered by a tourist visa.

Healthcare: incoming students should make their own arrangements to acquire health insurance coverage.

Dates and Deadlines

Academic year: dates may vary considerably. Please visit our [website](#) to keep yourself apprised of any changes in the academic calendar.

Semesters in 2019	2019.1	2019.2
Lecture Period	22.02 to 22.06	06.08 to 06.12
Exam Period	27.06 to 03.07	07.12 to 13.12
	12.12.2017	01.06.2018
Application Deadline	Students should submit their applications at least two months (not counting holidays) prior to the beginning of the period they intend to spend at UFC, so that there is enough time to ensure proper accomplishment of all relevant procedures in the University, as well as those regarding visa applications.	

Additional Information

A set of guidelines designed to help international students at UFC can be found [here](#).

Buddy program: Upon acceptance of their mobility request, international students will be contacted by our sponsors in the Buddy Program **PAI** (Programa de Apoio ao Intercambista). For more details, please visit the program's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) page.

Accommodation: at present, there is no provision of housing to international students. However, the PAI sponsors will endeavor to help our guests find accommodation for the duration of their stay.

Budget: Ca. BRL 1,300 per month, depending largely on students' individual lifestyles (it is possible to live on less).

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