

International Student Exchange

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Recommendation

International students must be recommended by their home institution prior to submitting an application. Please have your university forward your full name, program of study, email address and desired exchange period to assessoria.mobilidade@prointer.ufc.br.

Application

After receiving a response to the recommendation email, your home institution must submit the official application form (along with the required documentation) to assessoria.mobilidade@prointer.ufc.br.

Deadlines

Recommendations and applications must be received by
April 30, for exchange periods starting in August
October 30, for exchange periods starting in February


Admission Requirements

There are no minimum grade or language requirements for exchange students.

You must secure a student visa (VITEM IV) in order to study at UFC. The required documentation can be found on the website of your country's Brazilian Embassy.

You must also secure accident and health insurance for the duration of your stay in Brazil.

About UFC

<p>Programs of study</p>	<p>Comprehensive information about the University's undergraduate and graduate programs can be found at https://www.ufc.br/ensino.</p>
<p>Grading system</p>	<p>Student performance is usually graded on a scale of 0 to 10.</p> <p>More information can be found below:</p> <div data-bbox="826 510 1493 719" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;">  <p>Normativos sobre avaliação, ensino e... Pró-Reitoria de Relações... prointer.ufc.br</p> </div>
<p>Average workload per semester</p>	<p>Workloads vary across the different study programs, and your total hours will of course also depend on how many courses you choose to take during the semester.</p>
<p>Academic calendar</p>	<p>1st semester: February - June 2nd semester: August - December See the full calendar here</p>
<p>Tuition and fees</p>	<p>As a public university, UFC charges no tuition or fees from any of its students.</p>
<p>Average cost of living</p>	<p>Monthly expenses normally amount to at least 1,500 BRL (reais)</p>

Getting to Fortaleza

- **By airplane:** Fortaleza International Airport – Pinto Martins (FOR) is the main airport in the city, offering domestic and international flights. It is connected with several Brazilian cities and international destinations, facilitating the access to Fortaleza from different parts of the world.
- **By land:** Fortaleza is accessible by bus from several cities in Brazil. The bus station Engenheiro João Thomé is the main one in town, offering connections with other city capitals and smaller cities. Bus companies such as Itapemirim, Contijo and Expresso Guanabara operate routes to Fortaleza.
- **By sea:** Fortaleza has a sea harbor, the Mucuripe Harbor, which welcomes cargo ships and cruises, even though it is not the most common way to get here.
- **By train:** Although passenger train transportation is limited in Brazil, Fortaleza is connected to some other cities through regional trains. However, this is not the most common way to travel to the city.

Arrival

- We kindly ask students to schedule their arrival in Fortaleza for at least 2 weeks before the beginning of the academic term so there is enough time for enrollment procedures.

Housing

- UFC does not provide student housing. However, we can suggest some options. The choice of housing, as well as its costs, are the student's total responsibility and must be directly paid to the service provider. Housing costs vary according to each neighborhood.

Shuttle Service

- UFC does not offer students any service of airport reception and transport upon arrival.

Local transport:

Fortaleza has a public transportation system composed of buses, taxis, ride-sharing services (such as Uber and 99), as well as a bicycle-sharing system. The city also has a subway line.

- Bus: the city has a wide network of urban buses which cover most of the neighborhoods and touristic spots. The Bilhete Único enables the integration between different bus lines.
- Taxi and ride-sharing services: Taxis are available in the whole city, as well as ride-sharing services, which offer a more convenient and usually more economic alternative.
- Bicycle-sharing system: Fortaleza has a bicycle-sharing system, known as Bicicletar, which is a great option to explore the city in a more ecological and sustainable way.

Student obligations

- After arrival, students must go to the International Affairs Office (IAO) to meet the team and receive basic information about what to do next. They must also bring original documents for enrollment, the Taxpayer Registration Number (CPF) and the original National Migratory Registry Card (CRNM) for enrollment in the courses.

Academic Units

- UFC campus in Crateús
- UFC campus in Itapajé
- UFC campus in Quixadá
- UFC campus in Russas
- UFC campus in Sobral
- College of Sciences (CC)
- College of Agricultural Sciences (CCA)
- College of Humanities (CH I, CH II and CH III)
- College of Technology (CT)
- College of Law (FADIR)
- College of Economics, Management, Actuarial Science and Accounting (FEAAC)
- College of Education (FACED)
- College of Pharmacy, Dentistry and Nursing (FFOE)
- College of Medicine (FAMED)
- Institute of Marine Sciences (LABOMAR)
- Institute of Culture and Art (ICA)
- Institute of Physical Education and Sports (IEFES)
- UFC Virtual Institute

Internationalization Support Program

- UFC has a buddy program to aid international students with bureaucratic procedures and help them settle in town.
- Instagram profile: @paiufc_printer

Social media

UFC Website

Office of the Vice Provost for Inter-Institutional Relations Website

Instagram profile: @prointerufc

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us at: assessoria.mobilidade@prointer.ufc.br and convenios@prointer.ufc.br