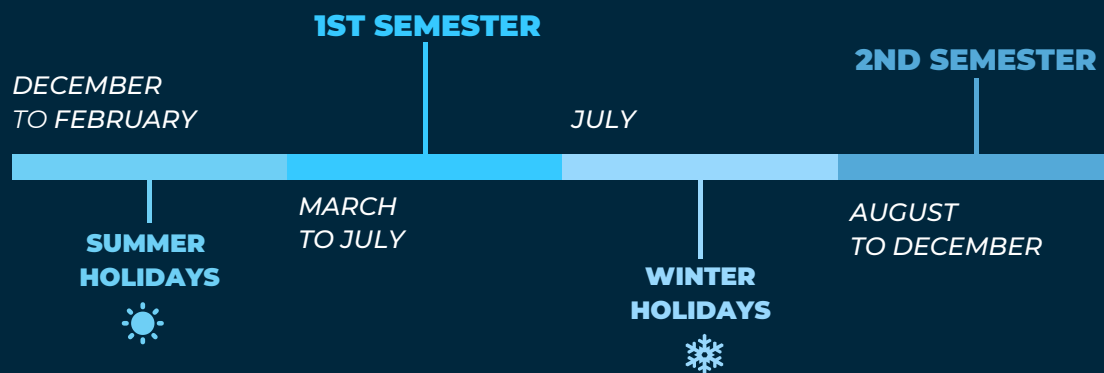


## FACT SHEET

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR



### IMPORTANT DATES

**1ST SEMESTER**  
Nominations and Application deadline  
30th of November

**2ND SEMESTER**  
Nominations and Application Deadline  
30th of April

## 1. NOMINATION AND APPLICATION

Both our nomination and application processes should be done through our institutional email [mobilidade.in@pucrs.br](mailto:mobilidade.in@pucrs.br). In order to nominate your students, please send us their full name, email address and area of studies. The required application documents are: PUCRS' application form, copy of valid passport and updated transcript of records. Should the partner institution need an extension of our deadline, the request can be submitted to our email in advance.

## 2. VISA

All international students must apply for a student visa (called VITEM IV) at the Brazilian Consulate in their country's jurisdiction, regardless of how long they plan to study at PUCRS. The student visa cannot be obtained on Brazilian soil and, without it, the student will not be allowed to study in Brazil.

### 3. HEALTH INSURANCE

Students must present a health insurance certificate upon arrival in Porto Alegre. Presentation of a valid health insurance certificate is mandatory for registration in any courses at PUCRS. Further information about the coverage, premium, among other things, is soon to be available.

### 4. ACCOMMODATION

The university does not provide accommodation on or off campus for students. Each student is responsible for arranging housing on their own housing. However the Academic Mobility team has a list of places for students to find housing. If students have problems finding housing, they should contact our Office for International Cooperation.

### 5. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Incoming exchange students do not have to submit proof of Portuguese Language Proficiency. However, we highly recommend that students have some knowledge of Portuguese, especially if they enroll in courses that are taught in Portuguese.

### 6. PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

An intensive Portuguese language program (beginner's level) is offered at no charge to international students. The two-week program always starts before the beginning of the scholastic semester at PUCRS and entails language, local culture as well as integration activities. We highly recommend that students sign up for a 4-credit Portuguese course, at no charge, during the academic semester. Before they enroll in this course, students will take a placement test.

### 7. COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

The curricula of some of our programs include a number of courses that are delivered in English: about 15. They are offered alternately in different semesters. For a complete list of courses taught in English, please contact the Academic Mobility team at [mobilidade.in@pucrs.br](mailto:mobilidade.in@pucrs.br).

## 8. AMIGO UNIVERSITÁRIO

“Amigo Universitário” is a buddy program which pairs up PUCRS students with international students to help them have a smooth transition to their new life at PUCRS and Porto Alegre.

## 9. COURSE INFORMATION

**Click here** for a complete list of courses that are offered in undergraduate programs of PUCRS. For further information about the syllabus of those courses, please contact the Academic Mobility team at [mobilidade.in@pucrs.br](mailto:mobilidade.in@pucrs.br).

## 10. FULL-TIME STUDENTS

The total number of credits at PUCRS for a full-time student varies according to each academic program, but students enrolled in 20+ credits per semester are considered full-time students.

## 11. TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

At the end of the period of studies, PUCRS will send an Academic Transcript to the students' home university detailing the courses completed and credits earned, as well as the grades according to the University's grading system. This document will be sent to the students' home university from 2 to 4 weeks after the end of the semester.

## 12. GRADING AND CREDIT SYSTEM

The final grade in each course is expressed from zero to ten, calculated up to the first decimal place. The student who obtains a minimum grade 7.0 does not need to take the remedial tests, known as G2. Students who achieve a final grade  $\geq 5.0$  (five) and keep a mandatory attendance record of at least 75% in each course will earn a passing grade. At PUCRS, 1 credit = 15 course hours per semester (course hour = 50 minutes).

## 13. TUITION FEES

International students from partner universities will receive a full tuition waiver. The programs designed for international students such as Portuguese for International Students, Research Opportunities, Medical Internships and Social Volunteering are also offered at no cost.

## 14. COST OF LIVING

In Porto Alegre, the estimated living cost (including housing) per month is approximately: R\$1.500,00 – R\$2.500,00 / U\$450.00 – U\$650 / 350€ - 550€.

## 15. ORIENTATION SEMINAR

Attendance to the Orientation Seminar is mandatory. The sessions occur on the 2 days that precede the beginning of the academic semester. The Academic Mobility team will send the detailed program to students in advance.

## 16. VIRTUAL MOBILITY

Online courses at no cost available for students regularly enrolled at one of PUCRS' partner institutions. Exchange students who are not able to or do not wish to travel to Brazil may sign up for courses from a list of virtual courses being offered. This list is sent to all partners every semester along with the detailed information about the application process, deadlines and requirements for the virtual mobility program.



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