International Student and Researcher’s Guide

UNIVERSIDADE DE SÃO PAULO
Universidade de São Paulo is one of the largest and most important institutions of higher education and research in Brazil and Latin America. Founded in 1934, USP is a public state institution (it does not charge tuition fees) and has campi placed in eight cities spread throughout the state of São Paulo. With education and research activities in all academic fields, USP offers 300 undergraduate programs, 222 graduate programs (both Master’s and Doctoral (PhD) degrees) and 984 extracurricular programs. In total, there are about 94 thousand students enrolled in 48 Schools (faculties and institutes) which make up USP. Furthermore, the university houses four important museums which receive over 1 million visitors per year. In addition, USP runs health centers and two major hospitals. It also works in partnership with Hospital das Clínicas of Ribeirão Preto and Hospital das Clínicas of São Paulo, the later considered one of the leading hospitals in Latin America.

Over 87% of the approximately 6 thousand professors are full time employees. This reinforces the university’s commitment to achieving excellence in terms of its personnel and of generation of knowledge.
USP’s scientific productivity totals an average of over 25 thousand publications per year, including indexed scientific journals, books, reports etc. This represents a significant proportion of the country’s output.

The university is also concerned with the application of discoveries made by its research centers and laboratories, as well as with the effective transfer of these findings to society in general. For this reason many members of the USP community are in permanent partnership with industries, companies, offices and health centers specialized in the development of projects and products and in the practical application of new technologies and products.

The university also plays an important role in South America, since it attracts many students, professors and technicians from the neighboring countries and from all parts of the world. USP is an institution that evolves rapidly in its intent towards greater internationalization, which has been accompanied by its ever growing visibility on the world stage. It has signed over a thousand cooperation and exchange agreements with important institutions in the Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia and Oceania, and is constantly working towards increasing this number. The university currently welcomes about 2,200 undergraduate and graduate foreign students per year and sends abroad an even bigger number as part of its student mobility program.

Website: [http://www.usp.br/](http://www.usp.br/)
Located in the southeastern region of the country, the state of São Paulo occupies an area of 248,808.8 km² with the city of São Paulo as its capital. It is Brazil’s most populous state, with over 40 million inhabitants, and also the wealthiest, being responsible for over 32.1%* of the country’s GDP.

Universidade de São Paulo has campi in eight cities of the state: Bauru, Lorena, Piracicaba, Pirassununga, Ribeirão Preto, São Carlos, Santos and São Paulo.

For further information, please visit: <http://www.saopaulo.sp.gov.br/>

Distances between the cities and São Paulo (capital), in a straight line:

- Bauru: 345km
- Lorena: 180km
- Piracicaba: 164km
- Pirassununga: 206km
- Ribeirão Preto: 313km
- São Carlos: 240km
- Santos: 77 km

* Source: IBGE 2012
Now reaching the outstanding milestone of almost 12 million inhabitants*, in part as a consequence of immigration from all over the world, São Paulo is the most important financial and economic center of South America. The town is considered the city of business and hosts about 90,000 events a year. It offers a great diversity in terms of leisure, entertainment and culture (cinemas, theaters, night clubs, restaurants, parks, museums etc), besides options for eating out that embrace many different cuisines from around the globe as well as typical dishes from several regions of the country.

Official websites
http://www.prefeitura.sp.gov.br/
http://cidadedesaoporto.com/v2/?lang=en

How to reach the University City
(Cidade Universitária)

From Guarulhos International Airport, take the Airport Service line to “Tietê”. Get off at Tietê Bus Terminal and take a subway train bound for “Jabaquara” direction. At “Luz” station, change to the Yellow Line (Line 4) and take another train bound for “Butantã” direction (subway transfers are free of charge). Get off at “Butantã” station and take a bus named “Circular 1 - Metrô Butantã / Cidade Universitária (8012)” or “Circular 2 - Metrô Butantã / Cidade Universitária (8022)” at Butantã Terminal.

*Source: IBGE/2015
Other Bus Lines to the Cidade Universitária

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* These lines cross Cardeal Arcoverde street, near Clínicas subway station
** These lines do not operate on Saturdays and Sundays.

Important!

After 2pm on Saturdays and on Sundays and Holidays, entries are controlled.

The São Paulo Transports Company (SPTTrans) runs all bus routes in the city of São Paulo. To get information about routes and bus stops, go to: [http://www.sptrans.com.br/](http://www.sptrans.com.br/) or dial 156.

Student Pass (“Bilhete único de estudantes”)

“Bilhete único” (single ticket) is an electronic pass which can be used on buses, trains and subways in the city of São Paulo and some of its surrounding cities. The student pass (“bilhete único de estudiante”) is a special card that allows students to pay half the normal fare. The card can be charged at lottery retailers, authorized stations and certain shops (such as newsstands, bakeries, convenience stores etc).

For further information on the student pass in São Paulo, please go to: [http://bilheteunico.sptrans.com.br/](http://bilheteunico.sptrans.com.br/)

For information on intercity bus routes in São Paulo, please visit:  
Please, visit the website: [http://www.emtu.sp.gov.br/](http://www.emtu.sp.gov.br/) or dial +55 0800-724-0555

For information on the subway network in São Paulo, please visit the website [http://www.metro.sp.gov.br/](http://www.metro.sp.gov.br/) or dial +55 0800-770-7722

For information on the rail network in São Paulo, please visit the website [http://www.cptm.sp.gov.br/](http://www.cptm.sp.gov.br/) or dial +55 0800-055-0121

General Information and Lodging Tips

USP does not have dormitories for foreign exchange students. However, there is a list of family homes, student boarding houses, hotels and hostels in the city of São Paulo. Costs vary according to location, service, type of room etc.

More information: [http://www.usp.br/coseas/COSEASHP/COSEAS2010_RESETERNA.html](http://www.usp.br/coseas/COSEASHP/COSEAS2010_RESETERNA.html) or contact dps@usp.br

USP International Cooperation Office


São Paulo campus map

Map legend
- campus area
- units
- main streets within the campus
- streets within the campus
- main streets off campus
- others streets off campus
- water
- green area