



Universidade de Brasília

UnB Fact Sheet

Academic Year 2025/2026

University of Brasilia (UnB) | International Affairs Office (INT)

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General Information About UnB

The University of Brasilia was founded on April 21, 1962. It is committed to the production of state-of-the-art knowledge and the promotion of true citizenship for the transformation of Brazil. The institution is one of the national points of reference in research, teaching and extension. At the present time, UnB has approximately 2,380 professors, 34,506 undergraduate, 4,385 master and 3,219 doctorate students. At Darcy Ribeiro campus and at the three other campuses (Ceilândia, Gama and Planaltina), the institution houses 26 institutes and colleges or schools and 35 centers for specialized research.

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Academic Calendar

2025 Academic Year

2nd term: August 18, 2025 – December 15, 2025

2026 Academic Year

1st term: Mid March - Late July.

2nd term: August to December, 2025

Calendar: <https://saa.unb.br/graduacao/calendario-academico>

Application

Deadlines

November 1st – to study from March to July.

May 1st – to study from August to December.

Application Requirements

- Must be a student in one of our partner universities;
- Be nominated by your home university;
- Fill out the Application Form (student): forms.office.com/r/8BXd5dgKH7
- You must have financial conditions during the exchange program;
- Enough level of Portuguese to attend classes (we recommend B1). No specific certificate is required.

Documents the Student Must Send Us

- Learning agreement;
- A copy of your passport;
- Official transcripts from the home institution;
- Curriculum vitae;
- Letter of introduction from your home institution signed by the exchange program coordinator;
- A statement of sufficient funds or funding to support the student during the intended period of study in Brasilia.
- Research project based on internationally accepted academic standards (only for master/doctoral candidates);
- Copy of all higher education previous diplomas obtained (only for master/doctoral candidates);
- Transcripts of records of all higher education courses successfully completed (only for master/doctoral candidates).

Nomination and application documents must be sent to intweb@unb.br

All documents must be sent in Portuguese, English or Spanish

Majors and Subjects

Areas of Study

- Agricultural Sciences
- Applied Social Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Earth and Exact Sciences
- Engineering and Technology
- Health Sciences Humanities
- Linguistics, Language and Arts
- Multidisciplinary

The list of majors is available at <https://international.unb.br/search-results>

List of Subjects

The list of subjects is available before each semester begins at:

<https://sig.unb.br/sigaa/public/turmas/listar.jsf>

You may also consult the Majors, Departments, and Subjects in this unofficial site made by a group of Computer Engineer students: cadeomw.com.br

Courses not available for exchange students

- LET0016 PORTUGUÊS PARA ESTRANGEIROS: COMUNICAÇÃO ORAL E ESCRITA 1
- LET0017 PORTUGUÊS PARA ESTRANGEIROS: COMUNICAÇÃO ORAL E ESCRITA 2
- LET0014 PORTUGUÊS PARA ESTRANGEIROS: LÍNGUA E CULTURA 1
- LET0015 PORTUGUÊS PARA ESTRANGEIROS: LÍNGUA E CULTURA 2

Credits per Subject

Each subject has normally 60 class hours (contact hours). UnB does not use a credit system, but an hour-based system.

Recommended Study Load

We highly recommend taking between 240 to 360 class hours per semester. Per semester, a minimum study load is 180 class hours; a maximum study load is 450 class hours.

The learning agreement must contain a proposal with at least 6 courses. After arriving, students will have a period for confirmation of the requested courses. From the pre-selected courses, we recommend students to effectively attend around 4 courses.

Subject Enrollment

All the subjects you want to be enrolled in must be approved by the program coordinator. The International Office will mediate your request.

Curricula of Brazilian Portuguese as Second Language

If you are majoring in Portuguese Language, you may have interest in the curricula of the undergraduate major in Brazilian Portuguese as Second Language ([Português do Brasil como Segunda Língua – PBSL](#)).

Grading Scale

Consult the explanation of UnB Mention System [here](#).

SR	II	MI	MM	MS	SS
No Presence	Inferior	Medium Inferior	Medium	Medium Superior	Superior
0.0	0.1 to 2.9	3.0 to 4.9	5.0 to 6.9	7.0 to 8.9	9.0 to 10.0

Approval grades are: SS, MS, and MM.

*SR mention is attributed to failure for absences, when the student did not attend a minimum of 75% of classes.

Language Courses

Portuguese

Portuguese Language Courses are free of charge for exchange students. We offer two distinct levels (not both levels simultaneously):

Beginner: LET0239 PORTUGUÊS PARA ESTRANGEIROS 1

Intermediate: LET0242 PORTUGUÊS PARA ESTRANGEIROS 2

Other languages

English, Spanish, French, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Korean, etc. are charged by the [language school](#).

Average Prospective Budget for Living Costs

Transportation

Students may request a student transportation card, which grants free transportation from their home to the university

Food and Meals

R\$ 300.00 to R\$ 600.00 (per month)

University Restaurant offers full meals with beverage included.

Breakfast: R\$ 2.85 | Lunch: R\$ 6.10 | Dinner: R\$ 6.10

Accommodation

R\$ 600.00 to R\$ 2,000.00 (per month)

Currently, the International Affairs Office (INT) has apartments on campus, offering 20 places to exchange students. The monthly individual cost is R\$ 600.00. Interested students must indicate their wish to stay at our apartments in the Application Form.

FAQ

Insurance/Health Costs for Exchanges

Health insurance must be acquired in the home country.

Recommended Arrival Date

Two weeks prior to the beginning of the classes.

When is the Portuguese language study available? Is it a semester long course? How much does it cost? How long is the course?

Semester long, free of charge for exchange students.

Are students required to obtain a student visa?

Yes. Student visa VITEM IV.

How will students get from housing to class?

Students living in on-campus housing can go on foot to classes. Others living outside campus will use public transportation, which is free for students who request a student transportation card.

UnB Useful Websites

Official Website: www.unb.br

UnB International Website: www.international.unb.br

International Affairs Office Website: www.int.unb.br

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