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Information for Planning Student Mobility

General Information	https://www.ipbeja.pt/servicos/gmc/Paginas/Exchange%20and%20Mobility%20Students%20(Erasmus).aspx
Academic calendar	First Semester/Autumn: mid of September – end of January (approx.5 months) Second Semester/Summer: mid of February – mid of July (approx.5 months) Academic Calendar: https://www.ipbeja.pt/servicos/gmc/Paginas/Exchange%20and%20Mobility%20Students%20(Erasmus).aspx
Course catalogue	IPBeja offers course units taught in English in the academic areas of Agriculture, Environmental Sciences, Food Technology, Management, and Tourism. It is recommended that exchange students submit their learning agreement proposal by selecting courses from the “Course Units in English Catalogue” available at: https://www.ipbeja.pt/servicos/gmc/Documents/COURSES_CATALOGUE/courseunit.pdf Students can also choose course units available in the general course catalogue. Although classes are in Portuguese, exchange students have tutorial support in English and written essays in English, French or Spanish can be accepted, depending on the students’ and the teachers’ language proficiency. IPBeja’s general course unit catalogue is available at: https://www.ipbeja.pt/en/Courses/Pages/default.aspx
Academic Contacts	https://www.ipbeja.pt/servicos/gmc/Documents/COURSES_CATALOGUE/academic_contacts_20_21.pdf

Portuguese Language Intensive Course	<p>Each semester, IPBeja’s Centre for Languages and Cultures organizes a Portuguese language intensive course targeted at incoming students. This course is free and can be added to the students’ learning agreements (4 ECTS / 60 h).</p> <p>All participants who successfully complete the course will receive a Portuguese language certificate</p>
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Applications/information on nominated students

Nomination and application deadlines	<p>First Semester/Autumn – Nomination: 15th June Application: 30th June Second Semester/Summer – Nomination: 15th December Application: 30th December</p>
Who can apply?	<p>Students enrolled in higher education institutions with which IPBeja has a cooperation agreement can apply for a studies or traineeship period.</p>
How to apply?	<p>First, the sending institution nominates students by sending an e-mail to gri@ipbeja.pt , after which the students will receive information on how to proceed with the online application on the MobilidadeNet platform.</p>

Practical information

Welcome Week	<p>At the beginning of each semester, in September and February, the International Relations Office organizes a “welcome week” aimed at fostering the integration of incoming students in the institution and in the city.</p>
Assistance in finding accommodation (off-campus)	<p>All incoming exchange students are offered the possibility of benefiting from the so-called “IPBeja Erasmus Buddy programme” that connects international students with local students. IPBeja’s students, on a voluntary basis, are available to help international colleagues in their integration in the city and provide support and assistance in finding accommodation off- campus.</p> <p>Private apartments are usually a more popular option among exchange students. We recommend exchange students to contact their IPBeja Erasmus Buddy asking for assistance in finding accommodation and other practical issues.</p>
Social Services (Campus accommodation)	<p>The Student Halls of Residence are managed by the IPBeja Social Services. There is a limited number of rooms for exchange students. The monthly rate is 165€ per person and a room is usually shared.</p> <p>For more information: https://www.ipbeja.pt/sas/Paginas/default.aspx</p>
Cost of living	<p>Living costs in Beja are quite affordable and lower than in most Portuguese cities. Renting a room will cost around 165€/200€ per month. A full meal in the canteen is 2.30€. Students usually spend around 250€/month on meals.</p>
Buddy Mentors	<p>IPBeja’s students are available to help international colleagues in their integration in the city and in the institution.</p>