

## Fact Sheet

### University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro

Information valid for the academic year	2021/2022
Name of the university and Erasmus code if available	University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro – UTAD <b>P VILA-RE01</b>
Type of agreement	Erasmus and other Programs' mobilities
General Information about the University (location, number of students, faculties)	<p>The University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD) is a high-level institution for creating, transmitting, and disseminating culture, knowledge, and science. Located in Vila Real, in the North of Portugal, near the “Alto Douro Wine Region” World Heritage, famous for its landscape, wines, and gastronomy, it offers a quality of life ideal to live, study, and research. UTAD sets in an eco-campus that integrates one of Europe’s most extensive Botanical Gardens. It has modern facilities, libraries, laboratories, online services, and sports facilities.</p> <p>The permanent teaching staff of 555 Professors, 100 researchers, 410 technical and administrative staff members, support c. 7700 full-time students, 130 students under the Erasmus + and other mobility programs, and 30 students attending isolated curricular units.</p> <p>UTAD integrates five Schools the Agrarian and Veterinary Sciences; the Human and Social Sciences; the Science and Technology; the Life and Environmental Sciences, and the School of Health. These schools have a wide range of studying programs like Bachelor’s degrees and integrated master’s degrees, Master’s degrees, and Ph.D. degrees, covering the major areas of education and training: Agriculture and Veterinary; Health and Social Protection; Health; Services; Education; Arts and Humanities; Social Sciences; Science, Mathematics and Informatics; Engineering, Manufacturing, and Construction.</p> <p>UTAD integrates six Research Centre’s as the <u>Animal and Veterinary Research Centre</u>, the <u>Center for Studies in Letters</u>, the <u>Research Centre in Sports, Health Sciences and Human Development</u>; the <u>Centre for Research and Technology of Agro-environmental and Biological Sciences</u>; the <u>Vila Real Chemistry Research Center</u>, and the <u>Centre for Transdisciplinary Development Studies</u>.</p>
University website	<a href="http://www.utad.pt/">http://www.utad.pt/</a>
Our Campuses	<p>The campus, built on the site of several adjacent former farm estates, is located near the city centre and has bus connections to any part of the city. The campus with about 120 ha is also considered one of the largest botanical gardens in Europe, that brings together, in a single space, education, and research.</p> <p>In Vila Real, there are great bus connections, and therefore living in another part of the city is not a problem for the students, as there is a bus company – Urbanos – which links every part of the city and the campuses. The last bus back to the city from the campus is at 20h00.</p> <p>Vila Real is a safe town, with easy accessibility and high quality of life, integrated into a unique scenario – UNESCO World Heritage, The Douro Valley.</p>

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Website for exchange students	<a href="https://www.utad.pt/grim/en/home/erasmus-2/">https://www.utad.pt/grim/en/home/erasmus-2/</a>
Website for course offer	<a href="https://www.utad.pt/estudar/en/home/bachelors-degrees-and-integrated-masters-degrees/">https://www.utad.pt/estudar/en/home/bachelors-degrees-and-integrated-masters-degrees/</a>
Which departments/schools are open for exchange students (courses taught in English) and at which level?	All faculties are open for exchange students at the undergraduate and graduate levels if they fulfil the requirements.
Is it possible to take courses from different schools?	Yes.
Course offer: Language courses	Portuguese language courses for foreigners
Credits equivalent to full-time studies per semester	30 ECTS
Grading system	<p>Bachelor and Master's graduates are awarded a numerical grade ranging from 10 to 20 (on a scale of 0 – 20), and the grade's equivalent on the ECTS grading scale.</p> <p>Doctorate graduates are awarded a grade in accordance with the bylaws of the University that confers the degree. In the case of UTAD, the grade is either Approved or Approved by Unanimity.</p> <p>ECTS Grading Information: <a href="https://www.utad.pt/grim/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2021/09/ECTS_European-Credit-Transfer-System_RR_Julho2021.pdf">https://www.utad.pt/grim/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2021/09/ECTS_European-Credit-Transfer-System_RR_Julho2021.pdf</a></p>
Issuance of the transcript of records	A Transcript of Records can be issued within 5 weeks after the assessment period has finished. Note, however, that at UTAD it is the individual student's responsibility to apply for an official Transcript of Records with the International Relations Office, which serves as a mediator between foreign students and the university's Student Records System.
Semester periods	<p>The first semester starts in mid-September and ends in late January. Examinations are held in January for approximately four weeks after a two-week Christmas Break in December.</p> <p>The second semester begins in early February and ends in late June, with a week-long break for the Easter holidays. Examinations begin in June and last around four weeks.</p> <p>There are also examination periods (mid to late July) for those who did not pass their exams. The teachers will inform students of the times and forms (written or oral) of the examinations at the beginning of the courses.</p>
Website for application forms	<a href="https://www.utad.pt/grim/en/home/erasmus-2/">https://www.utad.pt/grim/en/home/erasmus-2/</a>
Application deadline(s) for admission	<p>June 30: Fall Semester</p> <p>November 30: Spring Semester</p>

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Calendar	<p>First semester: September – February</p> <p>Second semester: February - July</p>
Decision on admission of nominated students will be sent (date/period)	A decision on the admission of nominated students will be sent within 10 weeks.
Language requirements (TOEFL score, IELTS, etc) for undergraduate and graduate students	No proof of language test is required.
Housing assistance	<p>International Students who wish to make a reservation for accommodation at UTAD's Residence Halls must state so in their Application Form. Students should always confirm the reservation with UTAD's Erasmus Office (GRIM) before departure so that they can go directly to their housing upon arrival.</p> <p>GRIM will help all students find private accommodation after they arrive in Vila Real. If students wish to have those arrangements done before their arrival, they must complete all the information on the Accommodation form and return it to <a href="mailto:international@utad.pt">international@utad.pt</a>. The Application/Accommodation form can be found <a href="#">here</a></p>
Insurance information	It is compulsory health insurance for each student.
Visa information	<p><a href="https://www.utad.pt/grim/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2021/09/ERASMUS_general-information-for-Students.pdf">https://www.utad.pt/grim/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2021/09/ERASMUS_general-information-for-Students.pdf</a></p>
Information for students with special needs	
Other information (transport, cost of living, documents required, etc.)	

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