



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil

Fast Facts:

Website:	General university website International office webpage
Language of instruction:	Portuguese – you will need at least B2 level proficiency on the European Common Framework
Semester dates:	Semester 1 (Semester 2 in USP): August to December Semester 2 (Semester 1 in USP): February to June <i>Note: In Latin America, the academic year runs from January to December. In order to allow you to start and finish your studies abroad on time, you will reverse the academic year at your host university (i.e. your semester 1 will be their semester 2 and vice-versa).</i>
Number of students currently enrolled	93,000
Campuses	<p>USP has 8 campuses spread across the state of São Paulo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • São Paulo Campus, subdivided into four different locations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. São Paulo <i>Cidade Universitária Armando de Salles Oliveira – Campus Butantã</i> (see location); 2. São Paulo <i>USP Leste</i> (see location); 3. São Paulo <i>Faculdade de Direito – Largo de São Francisco</i>- School of Law (see location); 4. São Paulo <i>Quadrilátero da Saúde</i>: School of Nursing, School of Medicine, School of Public Health, Institute of Tropical Medicine (see location); • Bauru (see location) • Lorena (see location); • Piracicaba (see location); • Pirassununga (see location); • Ribeirão Preto (see location); • Santos (see location) – Department of Mining and Petroleum Engineering of the School of Engineering; • São Carlos (see location);

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	<p>More information on each of USP's campuses is available here.</p> <p>Note: When applying to this exchange you need to be prepared to be allocated to any of their campuses.</p>
<p>Academic restrictions at a glance <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i></p>	<p>There is limited capacity for courses in Economics, Business, Accountancy, Architecture and Urbanism</p>
<p>General Costs</p>	<p>Estimated to be around £10,000 for a 10 month exchange. Cost of living is estimated around £750 a month. Flights to Brazil can be very expensive.</p>
<p>About the University</p>	<p>The University of São Paulo (USP) is a public university, maintained by the State of São Paulo and affiliated with the State Secretariat of Economic, Scientific and Technological Development. Various world rankings, created to measure the quality of universities according to various criteria, particularly those related to scientific productivity, have widely recognized the talent and dedication of USP professors, students and employees.</p> <p>This USP international guide may be informative</p>

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What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at Universidade de São Paulo, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

Course Load and Credit Load	<p>You are normally required to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the International Exchange Credit Requirements. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses	<p>A course catalogue can be found here.</p> <p>The exchange student can attend (during the semester, not before) an intensive Portuguese course offered by the Language Learning Center (Centro de Línguas da FFLCH) at the São Paulo Campus only – Cidade Universitária. For further information, please visit http://clinguas.fflch.usp.br/ or send an email to portcl@usp.br.</p> <p>For opportunities available on other campuses, please refer to our Local International Offices. Language center courses can be combined with regular courses arranged by various faculties, but they are not listed on the transcript of records. Students who pass the exams receive a certificate of attendance and exchange coordinators may consider them when transferring credits.</p> <p>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information</p>

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	available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**
Academic Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The School of Engineering (<i>Escola Politécnica</i>) requires exchange students to enroll in a number of subjects that correspond to at least 12 credits; • Ribeirão Preto School of Economics, Administration, and Accounting (<i>Faculdade de Economia e Administração de Ribeirão Preto – FEARP</i>) requires applicants to enroll in a number of subjects that correspond to at least 16 credits; • The School of Architecture and Urbanism (<i>Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo – FAU</i>) and the School of Economics, Business and Accountancy (<i>Faculdade de Economia, Administração e Contabilidade – FEA</i>) receive each semester a large number of applications and have limited capacity to admit exchange students. Please refer to their Local International Offices before nominating students / applying. We highly recommend that students intending to apply for such schools consider the possibility of alternatively applying for other schools as well. <p>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</p>
Orientation	USP strongly recommends that students participate in the USP iFriends Programme, which aims at integrating international students into the university community and help them, especially with finding accommodation.

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

University Accommodation	USP does not provide housing facilities for exchange students within the campuses. The search for accommodation must be carried out by the students themselves according to their economic conditions and interests.
Private Accommodation	<p>USP does not have housing facilities for exchange students, but we offer a listing of accommodation places offered by families and students (enrolled as well as alumni) interested in receiving foreign students at their houses. The exchange students handle their reservation and financial matters directly with the homeowners.</p> <p>The USP Superintendence of Social Assistance has a special database available on: https://sas.usp.br/moradia-princ/ (just in Portuguese). The official contacts for this issue are spe@usp.br and dps@usp.br.</p> <p>USP strongly recommends that students take part in the USP iFriends program in order to get more information about accommodation. Applicants may opt to take part in the buddy program when filling out the online application form.</p> <p>For further information regarding alternative housing options outside the campuses, please contact the Local International Office of your host school. Alternatively, there are some options available here.</p>

Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

Tuition Fees	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>

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<p>Estimated Cost of Living</p>	<p>A site like Numbeo or Custo de Vida may be helpful in understanding the cost of living. Numbeo estimates the cost of living to be around £750 a month.</p> <p>Keep in mind other costs, such as flights to Brazil which could cost as much as £2000</p> <p>Visa cost is around £150, and there may be other related expenses such as travelling to an embassy or consulate.</p> <p>You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</p>
<p>Insurance</p>	<p>During his/her stay in Brazil, the foreigner will be allowed to use the services of the Brazilian Public Health System only in emergency cases.</p> <p>For this reason, Universidade de São Paulo demands that students obtain a health insurance (travel insurance), which should be purchased at his/ her home country, prior to their arrival in Brazil. It should cover all the period during which the student will stay in the country. The choice for the travel insurance is up to the student.</p> <p>The student will have to provide evidence of medical insurance or appropriate and valid travel medical insurance policy for registration upon arrival.</p> <p>It is up to the student to check with USP if the travel insurance that the University of Edinburgh provides is sufficient. Students may need to purchase additional health insurance.</p>
<p>Student Loans and Grants</p>	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>

Other

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<p>Passports</p>	<p>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
<p>Visas</p>	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>If accepted for an exchange period at Universidade de São Paulo, the student will receive an Acceptance Letter directly from the relevant Faculty/School/Institute. Providing the original document at the Brazilian diplomatic representation PT, EN or ES in their home country is a mandatory step for students to request the appropriate Student Visa (VITEM IV). USP is not allowed to enrol students holding a tourist visa.</p> <p>The student will also have to provide evidence of medical insurance or appropriate and valid travel medical insurance policy for registration upon arrival. Students must purchase their Health/Travel Insurance in their countries of origin before travelling to Brazil (this must cover the entirety of the stay in Brazil). International students will have access to the Brazilian Public Health System only in emergency cases.</p> <p>This government website can help you determine your visa needs.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas here.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
<p>Disability Statement and Accessibility</p>	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>

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