

WELCOME, WE ARE UNIVALI !



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ABOUT SANTA CATARINA

Located in the southern region of Brazil, Santa Catarina stands out as one of the country's most prosperous and dynamic states. With a Human Development Index (HDI) of 0.808, it ranks third among all Brazilian states, reflecting high standards in education, healthcare, and income distribution (UNDP, 2021).

The state offers a diversified economy, with strong industrial, technological, and agricultural sectors, and stands out for its innovation ecosystem and low unemployment rates. It is also among the safest states in Brazil, consistently performing above the national average in public security indicators.

With a mild subtropical climate, excellent quality of life, and over 500 km of coastline, Santa Catarina is a privileged destination for international cooperation and academic mobility.



ABOUT US

A community-based institution



The Universidade do Vale do Itajaí (Univali) is a community-based university, established in 1964. It operates across multiple campuses located in the state of Santa Catarina, Brazil, including its main campus in Itajaí and additional campuses in Balneário Camboriú, Balneário Piçarras, Biguaçu, Kobrasol (São José), Tijucas, and Penha. The institution serves approximately 25,000 students across all levels of education it offers.

AMENITIES

Univali is a place of diversity

- We have several places to offer for appreciation, such as the art gallery that features local artists, and the Oceanographic Museum with various samples of the marine world;
- With a sense of the importance of sports we offer multi-sports courts and a gym whose utilization is for both students and the community, promoting health and longevity;
- We also have areas for food such as the Bistrô do Sabor, a school restaurant for gastronomy and nutrition students;
- And places for care such as the Nossa Senhora das Graças Basic Health Unit located within the Itajaí Campus;



ACADEMIC CALENDAR



First Semester

From February to July

→ Classes begin in the end of February.

→ Classes end in the middle of July

Second Semester

From August to September

→ Classes begin in the beginning of August.

→ Classes end in the middle of December

DEADLINES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES

First Semester

- The deadline for nominations is June 11th
- The deadline for application is June 15th

Second Semester

- The deadline for nominations is November 26th
- The deadline for application is November 30th

Nominations shall be done by the home institutions' international office by e-mail. The email should include: Students' full name, e-mail, desired field area and length of stay.

The application must be done by the student after the nomination has been submitted. Once nomination is received, students will be given access to the application documents.

OBTAINING A VISA AND CRNM

Before arriving in Brazil:

In order to obtain a student visa, students should contact the nearest Brazilian Embassy/Consulate and get information about the necessary documents.



After arriving in Brazil:

All foreigners are obliged by law to report to the Federal Police within 90 days of their arrival in Brazil. Failure to do so will incur a daily fine. To register with the Federal Police as a foreigner (Carteira de Registro Nacional Migratório - CRNM) students must attend the headquarters of the Federal Police in Itajaí, with all the required documents

Required documents:

- Valid travel document (passport);
- Original and copies of all the used (written/stamped) pages;
- Visa and visa request form;
- Two recent colored photos (3x4), front side, with white background, and no date;
- Payment of corresponding fee (The form "Carteira de Estrangeiro – Primeira (1ª) Via" – R\$ 204,77);

*The international Office will assist exchange students with the CRNM procedures.

HEALTH INSURANCE



For everyone

All students are required to have health insurance from their home country, which covers medical repatriation.

Students should have sufficient health insurance for the whole time of their stay in Brazil.

Careful attention should be given to the Brazilian Consulate requirements.



WELCOME / ORIENTATION DAY

Exchange students should arrive at Univali **at least a week before the academic semester starts** in order to be enrolled in the disciplines s/he's chosen and take part in the orientation day.

Besides having a lecture on the Brazilian southern culture and lifestyles, exchange students will have a **campus tour** and the opportunity to meet academic coordinators.

Registration is made at the Internationalization Office.



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

First Semester

The minimum number of credits required to be enrolled at Univali is 12 per semester;

A student at Univali takes, on average, 20 credits per semester. 20 credits total approx. 360 hours per semester. Each class (72hours per semester/ 18 meetings) is worth 4 credits.

Class Attendance

75% of attendance is mandatory for all classes.

Grading

The minimum grade for approval is 6.0 in a scale which ranges from 6.0 to 10.0

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Language of Instruction

Predominantly taught in Portuguese, the classes require that students who wish to attend have a Portuguese language proficiency level equivalent to B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

Course Catalogue:

<https://www.univali.br/graduacao/Paginas/graduacao.aspx>

Language Requirements

Exchange students can choose from some disciplines that are conducted either in English or Spanish (International Program) in order to return home with 30 ECTS points.

Students who are not native speakers of English or Spanish must have at least B2-level proficiency, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), to attend International Program classes.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Language Support

Univali offers a free Portuguese Language Course (Basic Level/ A1) for all exchange students from partner universities

International Program

Course Catalogue:

<https://www.univali.br/intercambio/internationalprogram/Paginas/default.aspx>



PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Accommodation

As there are no student residences on campus, the international office will assist international students with accommodation.

Transportation

Itajaí is covered by a good bus network that takes almost anywhere. Students can request 50% discount on the fare. For this, students need to register, proving the following documents:

- Proof of Enrollment;
- Proof of address in Brazil;
- Student ID;

Nearest Airports

- Navegantes International Airport (NVT) – 5 km from Itajaí
- Hercílio Luz International Airport – Florianópolis (FLN) – 100 km from Itajaí

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Estimated Monthly Living Costs (Itajaí or Balneário Camboriú) :

- **Housing** : R\$ 1.200,00 (shared apartment or student residence);
- **Meals** : R\$ 700,00 (groceries and occasional dining out);
- **Local Transportation** : R\$ 180,00 (bus pass or ride apps when needed);
- **Personal Expenses** : R\$ 300,00 (hygiene, phone plan, leisure, etc.);
- **Total Estimated Monthly Expenses** : Approx. R\$ 2.380,00



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