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UCS: FEET IN THE REGION. EYES IN THE WORLD.

Feet in the region, eyes in the world. The motto of Universidade de Caxias do Sul defines with great propriety its goal of internationalization. With its feet in the region, it is aware of its task of forming competent and qualified citizens to serve the needs of a highly competitive and globalized market.

With its eyes in the world, Universidade de Caxias do Sul is attentive to the challenges imposed by the scientific communities, looking for the best opportunities of qualification and projection of its citizens in the world's educational market.

Universidade de Caxias do Sul, in tune with its action plan, has set among its main goals, its growing internationalization through a planned action that enlarges the partnerships with university institutions worldwide, divulging its image of a contemporary and dynamic university, prepared to interact with other peoples and cultures in search of mankind's progress and development.

Especially in the last decade, Universidade de Caxias do Sul has opened its doors to the international scientific community and started to take part in networks of universal knowledge and to interact with them. It also started to use international academic cooperation as an instrument and a strategy to better fulfill its social mission, especially through the establishment of strong alliances with congenerous institutions such as universities, institutes, research centers, and with productive sectors and entrepreneurial entities as well.

Nowadays, Universidade de Caxias do Sul counts on more than two hundred cooperation agreements with entities from the five continents, what preconizes a positive agenda for the development of activities in cooperation with the major centers of excellence in teaching, research, and extension. The University invests with great boldness in projects that allow the mobility of its professors, students and academic administrators, optimizing the qualification opportunities in the world market, in the economic blocs - in special with the countries of the European Community and Mercosul.

To make these partnerships possible, the inclusion in the academic cooperation networks was another goal that was pursued and achieved. From networks with universities whose language is Portuguese, to Latin-American universities, to international networks that count on representations from the five continents, UCS actively participates in the discussions that define the directions higher education is to follow by giving its contribution and sharing its experience as an institution that is eagerly seeking its internationalization.

Nowadays, UCS counts on over a hundred cooperation agreements with entities from the five continents, what commends a positive agenda for the development of cooperation activities with the big excellence centers in teaching, research and extension.

UCS understands that international cooperation must be one of its structural goals for through it higher education institutions may pursue an effective integration of the nations, not only aiming at the defense of economic interests but, above all, pursuing a fairer and more balanced reality to the populations.

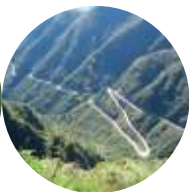
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**WELCOME
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WELCOME TO BRAZIL

1.1 Brazil – General Data

Federative Republic of Brazil

Population: 183 million (2006)

Composition: white 49.7%, mulatto 42.6%, black 6.9%, yellow 0.5%, native Brazilians 0.3% (2006)

Official Language: Portuguese

Religions: Christianity (catholic 83%, others 10%), Spiritualism, Judaism, Afro-Brazilian religions)

Density rate: 22.47 inhabitants/sq km (2007)

Urban population: 83.2% (2006)

Population growth rate: 1.33% per year (2006)

Fertility rate: 2.1 children per woman (2006)

Life Expectancy M/F: 68.5/76.1 years of life (2006)

Infant mortality rate: 25.1% (2006)

Illiteracy: 10.4% (2006)

HDI Human Development Index (0-1): 0.8 (2006)

ECONOMY

Currency: Real R\$; quotation (see item 8.5)

GDP: US\$ 1,130 billion (2006)

GDP: farming and cattle raising: 8%;

GDP: industry: 38%;

GDP: services: 54%

GDP: increase: 3.7% per year (2006)

Per capita revenue: US\$ 4,054 (2006)

Labor force: 89.32 million (2006)

Agriculture: cotton, rice, coffee, sugar cane, orange, soy, bean

Cattle raising: beef, pork, sheep, poultry

Fishing: 1,000,006 t (2002)

Mining: bauxite, iron, manganese, gold, aluminium

Industry: processing industry, consumer goods and hard goods

Exports: US\$ 135 billion (2006)

Imports: US\$ 73 billion (2006)

Commercial partners: USA, Japan, European Union countries, Mercosul countries

*Data from Almanaque Abril 2008.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Organizations: World Bank, IMF, Rio Group (Grupo do Rio), Southern Common Market - MERCOSUL, OAS, WTO, UN, Aladi – Latin American Integration Association (Associação Latino-Americana de Desenvolvimento e Integração), Ibero-American Conference (Conferência Ibero-Americana), CPLP – Community of



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1.2 Geography

Location: East of South America

Area: 8,547,403,5 sq km

Climate: equatorial, tropical, altitude tropical, Atlantic tropical, subtropical, and semi-arid

Forest area: 4.1 million sq km (2002)

Desforesting: 18,200 sq km per year (2001)

1.3 Capital

Brazil's capital is Brasília, located in the Federal District in the country's mid-west.

1.4 Main Cities

Sao Paulo (11 million inhabitants)

Rio de Janeiro (6 million inhabitants)

Salvador (2.6 million inhabitants)

Belo Horizonte (2.3 million inhabitants)

Brasília (2.3 million inhabitants)

Recife (1.5 million inhabitants)

Porto Alegre (1.4 million inhabitants)

1.5 Population Indexes*

The Brazilian population is formed as follows, according to a survey made in 2000.

48.8% male and 51.2% female

83,2% urban and 16,8% rural

*Data from Almanaque Abril 2008.





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2 WELCOME TO CAXIAS DO SUL

2.1 The city of Caxias do Sul

The municipal district of Caxias do Sul, the country's second metallurgic and mechanic industry center, is located in the North East Mountains (Encosta Superior do Nordeste) of the State of Rio Grande do Sul. The beautiful city colonized by Italian immigrants, which is part of the Grapes and Wine Region, has over 15,000 business companies in its industrial park that is one of the most diversified in Brazil.

It produces from screws to buses and trucks, with quality standards acknowledged all over the world. Its dynamic trade offers the most varied products: wine, ready-made articles, knitwear, silver, leather articles, furniture and handicraft. Its business center is turned not only to the local consumer, but to the tourists that visit the city all year round as well.

It is Rio Grande do Sul's second commercial center, where branches of the large department chains from the center of the country and of the state run their businesses side by side with the local stores.

Even though it has the characteristics of a metropolis, it is proud of its past and keeps it alive through a rich architecture, to be found only in the Gaúcha Mountains; a result of the architectural style seen in the small villages of Italy, in the Veneto region, and the adaptations demanded by the conditions the immigrants found in their new land.

The first buildings were the stone and mud houses, followed by the houses made of homemade bricks and, later on, by the wooden houses with wooden shingles and lambrequins adorning the edges of the roofs and the attics. To accomplish the journey through time that is provided by this rich assemblage, it is enough to travel a few kilometers, enjoying the beautiful landscape along the way, and to take some of the tours offered in the city and the region and to taste the delicious cuisine there is in the city and its surroundings.

Paved roadways link Caxias do Sul to the big metropolises as well as daily flights from the local airport. The city is located 760m above sea level thus presenting a subtropical climate with temperatures that range from -1.4°C to +33.6°C. The average temperature is about 16°C.

The winter is cold and sometimes it snows. In the spring and fall, frost is common and in the summer the temperature is quite pleasant.

2.2 Location of the city in the State of Rio Grande do Sul

Caxias do Sul is located in Rio Grande do Sul's mountainous area widely known as Serra Gaúcha (Gaúcha Mountains).

2.3 Social and economic profile of the city

The city has over 400 thousand inhabitants and occupies a territorial area of 1,648.60 sq km, and it is 127km far from Porto Alegre, the state capital. Caxias do Sul is the second largest economic and financial center and the second most populated city in the State of Rio Grande do Sul. Located in the North East Mountains of the state, in the heart of the Gaúcha Mountains, the municipal district is essentially urban, concentrating about 92% of its population in the city and the remaining 8% in the rural area. Caxias do Sul's social indicators mirror its economic strength: the



number of vehicles, telephones and hospital beds per inhabitant are among the highest in the state and the country. This important economic, political, social and cultural center had a budget of R\$229 million in 2001, which was 14% higher than the budget of the previous year, a budget of R\$240 million in 2002, 53% of which is invested in Education and Health.

The population participates in the elaboration of the municipal budget together with the administration. The citizens determine which areas will have a priority in investments through the OC – Orçamento Comunitário (Community Budget). In the OC, the city was divided into ten areas that are the basis for the distribution of the resources.

There are public plenary meetings in each one of them and that's when the priorities are decided and the delegates and counselors, who are the representatives of the communities, are elected.

The city, surrounded by valleys and a beautiful landscape was colonized by Italian immigrants that arrived in the state in 1875. Most of them were peasants from the Veneto region, but some of them came from Lombardia and Piemonte as well. Notwithstanding, nowadays a mosaic of cultures and ethnic groups can be seen in the streets, as it happens in any big economic center.

Caxias do Sul's history begins before the immigration when the region was run through by cattle dealers and occupied by the native inhabitants. It was called Campo dos Bugres - the country of the Bugres. Two years later, it received the name of Colônia Caxias. The political emancipation from the municipal district of São Sebastião do Caí occurred in 1890 and in 1910 it became a town. That same year, the first railroad came to town, linking the region to the capital. Several economic cycles marked the evolution of the municipal district along the last century. The first cycle is linked to its strongest identity trait: the growing of grapevines and the wine production. At first this was done for their own consumption but later on they started trading these products. The immigrants were farmers and many of them had other occupations. They settled in the region, creating cities and accelerating the industrial progress.

Nowadays, the old Colônia Caxias has 261 neighborhoods and areas divided into lots; a per capita income of US\$ 9,700 in 1998 and of US\$ 10,500 in 2000, according to data gathered by IBGE – Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics). Its GDP is calculated in R\$ 5.6 billion.

There are 96,161 residences in the city and about 99.08% receive high quality drinking water provided by Samae – Serviço Autônomo Municipal de Água e Esgoto (Municipal Autonomous Water and Sewage Services), charging tariff values lower than the national average. Samae is a public patrimony of the city, annually investing 20% over what it collects in duties, what reached R\$27 million in 2001 and may reach R\$29 million in 2002. Garbage collection is made by Codeca - Companhia de Desenvolvimento de Caxias do Sul (Company of Development of Caxias do Sul), which is also a public company, that serves 100% of the urban area, 85% of the rural area and that employs 900 people.

Caxias became the center of the most diversified region in Brazil, with large vineyards, wineries, and a varied industrial park. Industry is the main force of the economy and represents 64% of the overall production of the city.



Commerce comes in second place in the city's economy, with a percentage of 33.34%. There are about 24 thousand establishments installed in the municipal district, among industries, trade and services. The composition of the industrial economy is divided into a 12% participation of food companies, 11% of spinning, textiles and clothing industries, 9% of wood and furniture industries, 6% of the sector of plastic materials, 40% of the metallurgy industry of producer's goods, and 20% of the metallurgy sector of consumer goods.

The most important productive sectors are those of auto-parts, being Caxias do Sul the 25th Brazilian center of transport material and also the second most important center in the country. The Centro Gestor de Inovação em Autopeças (Administrative Center of Innovation in Auto-parts) which is a public-private action involving a group of entities that includes the state government, trade associations, and Universidade de Caxias do Sul, is installed in Caxias do Sul. The local economy, according to a survey of Câmara da Indústria, Comércio e Serviços – CIC (Chamber of Industry, Trade and Services), achieved a growth of 5.31% in 2006, compared to the same period of the previous year: Industry: 1.26%, Trade: 5.45% and Services: 11.07%.

The city exports totaled US\$ 785 million in 2006. Imports reached US\$ 209 million in 2006. Caxias do Sul imports an average of 3.3% of the total imported by the state and exports an average of 4.24% of the total exports of RS.

Due to this industrial profile, one of the major sources of collection of duties of the municipal district is the Imposto sobre Circulação de Mercadorias e Serviços – ICMS (Value Added Tax on Sales and Services). According to the Municipal Secretary of Finances, the ICMS collection reached R\$81 million in 2001, what means a nominal growth of 12.5% and a real growth of 2.14%. The ICMS collection nowadays represents 35% of the total collection of the municipal district, that in 2001 amounted to R\$ 225.638.348,73.

Informatics, in the sector of services, with over 200 companies operating, turns Caxias do Sul into the main center of entrepreneurial management of software development. Its interface with industrial automation is also important. In this area, the City Hall of Caxias do Sul is creating, together with entities and companies from the sector, a sector action to constitute an Informatics Center turned to technological information, which will be in addition to the Incubadora Tecnológica (Technological Incubator) that was created five years ago.

Caxias is also a regional center in health and education. In relation to health, several hospitals, health insurance and medical assistance companies operate in the city. Universidade de Caxias do Sul has over 35 thousand students and offers a diversified range of undergraduate and post-graduate courses.

Agriculture is characterized by small family farms and represents only 2% of the economic base of the municipal district. Nevertheless, besides being the biggest producer of vegetables, farm products, and fruits in the state, 65% of the fruits and vegetables that nowadays are consumed by the city comes from the city itself. Caxias is also the biggest producer of persimmons in the state, with an area of 370 hectares that is cultivated by 220 farmers. Persimmons occupy the eighth position in the ranking of the garden, farm and fruit products most grown in the city. Among the most widely cultivated species are: apples (25,321,783 kg/year); carrots (24,269,061 kg/year); beets (24,839,250 kg/year), and peaches (7,360,420

kg/year). However, the most widely cultivated fruit are the grapes. In an area of 2,834 ha, 49,720,089 kg/year of grapes are grown. Among vegetables, the production of carrots (24,296,061 kg/year), beets (24,839,250 kg/year), tomatoes (20,729,110 kg/year), garlic (2,100,000 kg/year), pumpkins (1,752,500 kg/year) and cabbage (6,543,250 kg/year) stand out. Every year there is a 10% increase in the area where vegetables, farm products and fruits are cultivated. The volume of fruit and vegetables grown in 6,953 ha has stimulated the introduction of agricultural industries.

Since the launching of the project called Controle de Produtos Agropecuários - Copas (Control of Farming and Cattle Products) in 1998, there are already 66 businesses that created over 200 jobs. Caxias do Sul is a tourism center as well, for it is also a sum of history, progress, folklore, typical dishes, a beautiful nature, the harmonious combination of workmanship techniques with last generation technologies, the Italian and Gaúcha hospitality, and unmatched tourist attractions.

One of the main attractions in the city is Igreja São Pelegrino, with Aldo Locatelli's frescoes, a replica of Michelangelo's Pietá, and bronze doors that reproduce the immigration epic, made by the Italian artist Augusto Murer. In the central area of the city, besides the night life, there is the Museu Municipal (Municipal Museum) and the Museu da Casa de Pedra (Museum of the Stone House); the replica of Caxias do Sul as it was in 1885, that stands in the Pavillions of the Grapes Festival (Pavilhões da Festa da Uva) and where a Sound and Light show is presented; the Monumento Nacional ao Imigrante (National Monument to the Immigrant) and Parque Getúlio Vargas (Getúlio Vargas Park) with a lane for walks surrounded by trees; Praça Dante Alighieri (Dante Alighieri Square), where there is a street fair every Saturday, a good opportunity to buy antiques and arts and crafts.

In Caxias do Sul it is possible to taste the delicious Italian and Gaúcha cuisine and drink excellent wines. The cantinas, barbecue restaurants, galeterias (restaurants specialized in roast chicken), pizzerias and the international cuisine found in the city turn Caxias into one of the most significant culinary references in Rio Grande do Sul. There are 1,284 restaurants, besides the diversified net of 22 hotels with 3,246 very comfortable rooms.

In the interior of the municipal district, it is possible to find untouched sceneries that portray the region as it was over a century ago. In some of the small rural properties, homemade wine and colony products can be found. The visitor can take five tour routes: Rota dos Tropeiros (The Cattle Dealers' Route), Caminho das Colônias (The Colonies Path), Estrada do Imigrante (The Immigrant's Road), Criúva – the country aspect of Caxias do Sul, and Rota Trentina (the Trentina Route). In 2008 the 27th Festa Nacional da Uva (National Grapes Festival) was held from February to March, exploring the theme "Once an Immigrant, Forever Brazilian". The event comprised an extensive artistic, cultural and economic programming.



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3 WELCOME TO UNIVERSIDADE DE CAXIAS DO SUL

3.1 Universidade de Caxias do Sul - UCS

Universidade de Caxias do Sul is an institution of communitarian and regional character. It is located in the Northeastern Region of the State of Rio Grande do Sul and embraces a region of 70 districts due to its university sites in eleven cities, offering to the regional communities the option of participating, in the most diverse ways, in the process of creation, transmission, analyses and dissemination of culture, science and technology.

It was founded on February 10, 1967; its creation resulted from the action of the community itself and its development aims at its tuning in with the community. This means that in its institutional planning, the interests, the vocations and the potentialities of this community are taken into account. However, further than that, the vanguard characteristic that is inherent to any university and its effective insertion in the social environment, enable it to see far ahead, keeping a permanent and strategic vision of the future that is fundamental in the search for new ways and solutions for the sustained development of the region.

The university's maintainer is Fundação Universidade de Caxias do Sul, a private law juridical entity, whose main purpose is to promote the education, the research and the extension in all levels and fields of knowledge, as well as the scientific, technical, and cultural divulgation, within the Christian, philanthropic and democratic values of civilization. Fundação is ruled by its own bylaws and is directed by the representatives of entities from the community and from the federal, state and municipal governments. Communitarian and regional, UCS maintains regional integration as a permanent guideline. Without lucrative purposes, its finality is turned to the needs of the community and the result of its work is completely reinvested in the qualification of the services offered to the community.

The cooperation with universities from different countries, with distinct social, technological, and educational realities, is thus inserted in a global strategy that looks for the excellence in the academic performance, eliminating deficiencies, overcoming inequalities between peoples and nations. With a growing performance in the area of international cooperation, UCS regards its internationalization process as an important factor for institutional qualification, one of the main goals of its strategic planning.

3.2 Cidade Universitária - The Main Campus

The seat of Universidade de Caxias do Sul is located in the Cidade Universitária – Main Campus - in Caxias do Sul. It was installed in 1973, in an area of 6.5 thousand sq meters in Bairro Petrópolis, where once was School Sacre-Coeur de Marie, in a privileged region due to its geography and natural beauty. As of December 1974, the state government donated a 25ha area that once belonged to Estação Experimental de Vitivinicultura (Viticulture Experimental Station).

During the 1980s, a new donation incorporated the remaining of the Station area to UCS that now has an area of approximately 72ha. From the 1990s on, due to the University's regionalization process and its consequent expansion, there was an increase in the physical structure of the Main Campus. New buildings were made to shelter classrooms, laboratories, service units and other facilities, aiming at the comfort of the Main Campus users.



The growth of the Main Campus followed an architectural proposal, ecologically planned that tried to create a welcoming atmosphere, full of green areas and much light, ideal for developing interpersonal relationships. Several old buildings were preserved and restored, originating a space where there is harmony between the modern and the traditional. In the whole, there are about 100 thousand square meters of built areas where modern buildings interact with older and restored constructions, green areas, lakes and woods with native plants, thus creating a space capable of offering the necessary conditions to accomplish the teaching, research and extension activities offered by the University.

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3.3 The International cooperation and Universidade de Caxias do Sul

The motto of Universidade de Caxias do Sul, “Feet in the region, eyes in the world” defines with great propriety one of its most important guidelines: internationalization. With its feet in the region, UCS seeks after attending the demands of the regional community, offering several options in regard to international experiences aiming at improving and enriching the curricula and the lives of its citizens.

With its eyes in the world, UCS is always attentive to all options offered by the best and most renowned foreign institutions that open development opportunities abroad for professors, researchers, students and managers.

When UCS provides these experience exchanges to the members of the academic community, it strengthens its image in the international scenery, enriches its partnerships, and keeps in touch with institutions from all continents, capitalizing opportunities and results for all of its university body. Due to over a hundred international cooperation agreements that have been made with institutions from all of the continents there are innumerable possibilities that go from scholarships, courses, events, professional activities, either compensated or not, to the insertion in research groups and in international networks.

Through the international agreements and UCS’s insertion in university cooperation networks, students can participate in academic activities that allow them to take part of their undergraduate course in foreign institutions. In some universities located in the United States, Italy or in England, the students can get a double certification, that is, they can get the diploma from both universities.

The international agreements also allow the student to develop professional activities in diplomatic representations of Brazil abroad or in tourist resorts that are famous all over the world, such as The Walt Disney World Company.

By offering these opportunities, UCS is working to increasingly capacitate its students, qualifying them for both the domestic market and the international market. To professors and administrators the participation in international activities is an opportunity for professional renewal and updating that qualifies their performance in the institution, reinforcing the goal of international cooperation for institutional development.



3.4 The International and Inter-institutional Relations Office

The International and Inter-institutional Relations Office of Universidade de Caxias do Sul was created on July 22, 1996 and its major goal is to maintain and enlarge the institutional internationalization policy of the university. As the articulator of the contacts with international partners, the International and Inter-institutional Relations Office invests in the education of citizens, sending them Abroad and receiving foreign delegations from the most diverse parts of the world that act as multipliers of the benefits and of the wealth of cultural exchanges.

In observance of the quality criteria of the programs offered by institutions and entities, the office orients the academic community in regard to the best opportunities for formation abroad, constantly looking for the ones that best serve the demands of the cultural and technological scope of the region, seeking to contribute to the development and growth of the Country.

The Office is in charge of:

- coordinating the actions related to the scope of international cooperation, prioritizing the international partnerships between the institutions involved;
- promoting the exchange of experiences among students, professors, researchers and administrators and their correlates from foreign institutions through exchange programs, courses, events, scholarships, internship periods, among others;
- making it possible to effect bilateral or multilateral cooperation agreements with foreign institutions in partnership with other sectors of the University;
- stimulating the development of new cooperation projects with the institutions that already have agreements with the University;
- supporting the submission of projects to the different national and international assistance agencies aiming at obtaining financial resources;
- stimulating a constant relationship with institutions that perform correlate activities;
- programming visits to other institutions, aiming at the identification of potentialities and at the development of joint projects;
- developing and maintaining an information desk about the improvement opportunities abroad;
- keeping an updated database with information about the foreign institutions the University has covenants with, about the international bodies that provide assistance to research and to the development of projects in Brazil and Abroad;
- keeping in contact with the national and foreign diplomatic representations;
- divulging matters of a potential interest to all the sectors of the University in the scope of international relations;
- stimulating the faculty and the students to explore the possible participation in international activities;
- supporting foreign students and professors that are participating in international programs of academic mobility in every aspect concerning their stay in Brazil, from their arrival to their return to their country of origin;
- working for the development of the institutional internationalization process, in the scope of university teaching, research and extension.



3.5 The Structure of the International and Inter-Institutional Relations Office

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INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC MOBILITY PROGRAM



4. INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC MOBILITY PROGRAM

4.1 The International Academic Mobility Program

The International Academic Mobility Program for foreign students was created with the objective of offering qualification opportunities for youngsters that wish to have an intercultural experience, in contact with the Brazilian reality for a certain period of their academic life. This is achieved through the accomplishment of academic and professional experiences in Brazil, thus fulfilling the wish of having an international experience.

Universidade de Caxias do Sul, through bilateral cooperation agreements, made with foreign higher education institutions and through its participation in international academic cooperation networks can host students coming from the five continents to participate in the Mobility Program, as it applies to receive foreign students from the most diverse nationalities and countries.

The International Academic Mobility Program is a way of ensuring institutional qualification through constant curricular innovation and through the insertion of the university in the panorama of the national and foreign higher education institutions that have opted for the internationalization process.

4.2 Objectives of the Program

One of the richest fields for international cooperation undoubtedly lies in the investment in its own community, either faculty members or students.

Opening to students, professors, and administrators the possibility of sharing an international experience opens the doors of the institution to make it known, appreciated, and respected. It gains space in the national and international higher education scenery.

With this orientation, the International Academic Mobility Program of Universidade de Caxias do Sul offers – specially to foreign undergraduate students – the possibility of developing academic activities in different modalities, as well as the possibility of interacting with professors, researchers, and students from different nationalities. The foreign student has the option of accomplishing part of his/her undergraduate studies at Universidade de Caxias do Sul or of developing another form of academic exchange, such as, for instance, the study of foreign languages. That period may vary from one semester up to one year. Upon his return, the student's credits may be used in his home institution.

The important thing, in the conception that lies in the base of the program, is that the foreign student may be gratified by an international academic experience, joining the personal experience that was acquired to the professional skills developed in Brazil. The union of factors such as the insertion in a new culture, the exposure to situations that are different from those in his/her country, the social contact with people from other nationalities, the immersion in the Portuguese language will ensure that the experience of leaving his/her country of origin may be unforgettable and shall mark his/her trajectory, making him/her more competitive and more prepared for the challenges posed by the global market.



4.3 Places of development

The foreign student that decides to participate in the Academic Mobility Program of Universidade de Caxias do Sul may develop his/her academic activities in any of the units, that is, the student may study in the following cities:

- Caxias do Sul
- Canela
- Guaporé
- Farroupilha
- Veranópolis
- Nova Prata
- Vacaria
- São Sebastião do Caí
- Campus 8
- Bento Gonçalves

The criterion for selection of the unit where the exchange program will be accomplished has to respect the offer for the corresponding undergraduate course as well as the disciplines the student intends to take. This guidance will be given through the contact made by UCS' International Relations Office with the course coordinator and according to the availability of spots for foreign students.

4.4 Program duration

The Academic Mobility Program of Universidade de Caxias do Sul foresees that the foreign student can study at the university for one term, that is, a semester, that can be extended to another term, totaling a year at most. The activities that are going to be accomplished by the foreign student will have to be previously approved by the course coordinators from both universities. In the event the student is interested in extending the exchange period, the request should be made official by the home institution of the student and should be duly analyzed and approved by the coordinators of both institutions.

4.5 General requirements to participate in the International Academic Mobility Program

Any student belonging to any of the foreign institutions UCS has an agreement with is invited to participate in the International Academic Mobility Program if the student is regularly enrolled in the home institution. However, some basic requirements will orientate the foreign student about when the best moment would be in order for him/her to be able to fulfill the international exigencies to participate in exchange programs like this.

Universidade de Caxias do Sul, aiming at prioritizing academic excellence in exchange programs, will observe whether the student fulfills the following prerequisites:

- to be regularly enrolled in a course offered by the institution the University has an agreement with;
- to know Portuguese;



- to have taken and passed in at least 50% (fifty per cent) of the credits that refer to the disciplines of the full curriculum of the course he/she is taking in the home institution;
- to present an adequate academic profile;
- to fulfill to the specific requirements eventually requested for different programs, such as, for example, exams showing knowledge about specific areas.

4.6 Documents

The foreign student is fully responsible for the organization of the documents he/she will present at Universidade de Caxias do Sul. The student is fully responsible for the validity, lawfulness, and punctuality in the delivery of the documents, as these documents are personal and not transferable. The basic documents to be presented in order to participate in the International Academic Mobility Program are the following:

- UCS Application Form for Foreign Students;
- Application Form from the home university (in case there is one);
- a passport copy;
- an updated School Report of the undergraduate course;
- certificate of Portuguese proficiency (in case there is one);
- list of the disciplines/courses to be taken at UCS;
- the student's Letter of Intent;
- curriculum;

4.7 Place to submit the documents

All documents should be sent to the following address:

Universidade de Caxias do Sul
Assessoria de Relações Internacionais
Escritório de Intercâmbios
Rua Francisco Getúlio Vargas, 1.130,
Bairro Petrópolis
Cidade Universitária - CEP 95070-560
Caxias do Sul - RS - BRASIL

4.8 Office Hours

The office hours are:

Morning: from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Afternoon: from 1:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

4.9 Application Period

Applications to the International Academic Mobility Program of Universidade de Caxias do Sul must be made according to the schedule that is annually made available by the International Relations Office – Exchange Office.

Two selections will be made during the academic year:



* Up to the end of December for the students that wish to accomplish the exchange in the first academic semester of the southern hemisphere that usually begins in March;

* Up to the end of June for the students that wish to accomplish the exchange in the second academic semester of the southern hemisphere that usually begins in August.

4.10 Selection of Students

Student selection is a fundamental stage for through it Universidade de Caxias do Sul can follow the application process for the exchange the student has chosen, checking if the student presents the adequate profile required by the country, by the institution, and also if it is in accordance with the duration of the program he/she has chosen.

According to the pre-requisites previously described, this commission is formed by:

- *a representative of the course collegiate, usually the coordinator;*
- *a representative of the pro-rectorate of undergraduate studies;*
- *a representative of the international relations office.*

This commission will analyze each request filed in the Exchange Office and select the student according to his/her profile and the documents presented. For the commission to make a correct judgment, it is really important that the student follows strictly the pre-requisites required by the International Academic Mobility Program and that he/she presents the full documentation within the terms UCS established.

The selection will be made according to the following criteria:

- *academic performance;*
- *knowledge of the Portuguese Language;*
- *adequacy of the plan of studies to the disciplines offered by UCS.*

4.11 Admission Terms

Following the analyses of the foreign student's documents, and upon confirmation of approval for the exchange program, issued by the coordinator of the undergraduate course of Universidade de Caxias do Sul, the International Relations Office will send a letter to the office in charge of international relations at the student's home university to confirm his/her admission to the program. This is an official document and may be presented to the Brazilian authorities in order to obtain the temporary student visa.

4.12 Proficiency in Portuguese

The foreign students that wish to participate in the International Academic Mobility Program of Universidade de Caxias do Sul have to present a certificate of proficiency in Portuguese, in order to successfully follow the disciplines of the undergraduate courses.

– CILP – Certificado Internacional de Língua Portuguesa (International Certificate of Portuguese) – Universidade de Caxias do Sul (UCS) through the Programa de Português para Estrangeiros (PPE) – (Program of Portuguese for



Foreigners), holds the proficiency exams of Portuguese as a foreign language that grants the International Certificate of Portuguese to the applicants approved.

The actions that refer to the CILP, the organization, elaboration, and the administration of the exams are responsibility of the Program of Portuguese for Foreigners from UCS. CILP received the seal of acknowledgment from the Latin Union (União Latina) and it has been declared a document of national educational interest by the Education Ministry of Argentina.

Further information can be found in the site: www.ucs.br .

In case students do not have any certificate of proficiency in Portuguese, they should participate in the Portuguese classes offered by the Program of Portuguese for Foreigners.

4.13 Financial Conditions

The International Academic Mobility Program of Universidade de Caxias do Sul has been created with the purpose of favoring and stimulating the participation of foreign students that want to have a multicultural experience in the south of Brazil. To that end, UCS created a gratuity system for those that are selected to spend a period of studies in some of the Institution's units. That is, the student selected may take the disciplines chosen and won't have to make any kind of payment to Universidade de Caxias do Sul. For that, the student should make official his/her interest in the exchange with UCS through the department in charge of international relations in his home institution.





ACADEMIC INFORMATION



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5.1 Undergraduate courses

Agronomy
Systems Analysis and Development
Business Administration – Qualification in Business Administration
Business Administration – Qualification in Foreign Trade
Architecture and Urbanism
Computer Science
Biological Sciences – Bachelor's degree
Biological Sciences – Licentiate's degree
Accounting
Economic Sciences
Computing – Bachelor's degree
Computing – Licentiate's degree
Social Communication – Journalism
Social Communication – Publicity and Propaganda
Social Communication – Public Relations
Product Design
Graphic Design
Law
Arts – Arts Education
Physical Education – Bachelor's degree
Physical Educations – Licentiate's degree
Nursing
Environmental Engineering
Food Engineering
Automation and Control Engineering
Engineering of Materials
Production Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Pharmacy
Philosophy – Bachelor's degree
Philosophy – Licentiate's degree
Physiotherapy
Geography
History
Letters – Portuguese
Letters – Portuguese/Spanish
Letters – Portuguese/English



Mathematics – Licentiate’s degree
Medicine
Nutrition
Pedagogy – Teaching for the Initial Grades of Elementary School
Pedagogy – Children Education
Pedagogy – (Teaching for the Initial Grades of Elementary School “Distance Learning”)
Psychology
Chemistry – Licentiate’s degree
Bilingual Executive Secretary
Social Service
Information Systems
Technology in Industrial Automation
Technology in Software Development
Technology in Hospitality
Technology in Fashion and Style
Technology in Polymers
Technology in Jewelry Production
Technology in Furniture Production
Tourism

5.2 Structure of the undergraduate courses

The undergraduate courses of full time duration, at Universidade de Caxias do Sul, comprise two cycles. The first cycle is constituted by general education and basic education disciplines; the second cycle is constituted by specific disciplines, all of them understood as part of the education for a certain field of professional performance. The technology higher education courses comprise only one cycle.

In the first cycle, the full time duration undergraduate courses include, among others, the following mandatory disciplines:

- Portuguese
- Science Theory
- Initiation to Scientific Research
- Brazilian Reality
- General Education Disciplines (at least 4 credits)

The first three disciplines accept programs differentiated by course or by similar areas.

5.3 Learning Load

The learning load corresponds to the number of hours necessary for approval in the different disciplines. The learning load corresponding to one discipline is equivalent to 04 (four) credits of to 60 (sixty) hours accomplished in a semester.

1 credit = 15 class/hours

4 credits = 60 class/hours

One discipline = 4 credits = 60 class/hours = 16 weeks



5.4 Academic calendar

The academic year of Universidade de Caxias do Sul is divided into two periods with approximately sixteen weeks each.

1st period: from March to July, beginning on the first working day of March.

2nd period: from August to November, beginning on the first working day of August.

Vacation period: Summer: December, January, and February. Winter: July.

5.5 National, state and local holidays

Universal Confraternization	National	January 1
Carnival	National	Monday and Tuesday
Easter	National	Thursday and Good Friday
Tiradentes	National	April 21
Labor Day	National	May 1
Corpus Christi	National	The date varies. June
Independence of Brazil	National	September 7
Farroupilha Revolution	State	September 20
Nsa Sra Aparecida (Our Lady Aparecida)	National	October 12
Teacher's Day	National	October
All Souls' Day	National	November 2
Proclamation of the Republic	National	November 15
Nsa Sra de Caravaggio (Our Lady from Caravaggio)	Local	May 26
Christmas	National	December 25

5.6 Evaluation system

The student's progress is verified through the student's progress evaluation and by the number of classes attended. To evaluate the student's progress several instruments will be used, among them: written exercises, oral interviews either followed or not by exercises; seminars, reports of works done, practical works both of research and training periods, as long as under the guidance and control of the professor; monograph elaboration, dissertation elaboration and the respective defense. The progress evaluation will be made in accordance with the following table:

Mark	Concept	Of goals	Of absences
4	Superior	From 90% a 100% inclusive	From 0% a 25% inclusive
3	Average Superior	From 80% a 90% inclusive	From 0% a 25% inclusive
2	Average	From 70% a 80% inclusive	From 0% a 25% inclusive
1	Average Inferior	From 60% a 70% inclusive	From 0% a 25% inclusive
0	Not satisfactory	From 00% a 60% inclusive	From 0% a 25% inclusive
0	Not satisfactory	From 00% a 100% inclusive	From 0% a 25% inclusive

To be evaluated in a discipline unit the student is required to achieve, at least, mark 1 (one) as and have, at least, 75% of attendance.



5.7 Schedule codes

At Universidade de Caxias do Sul, discipline schedules are codified according to the following table:

Beggining	Final	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 horas	9h25min	20	30	40	50	60	70
9h30min	10h55min	21	31	41	51	61	71
11 horas	12h25min	22	32	42	52	62	72
12h30min	13h55min	23	33	43	53	63	73
13h40min	15h05min	24	34	44	54	64	74
15h10min	16h35min	25	35	45	55	65	75
16h40min	18h05min	26	36	46	56	66	76
18h10min	19h35min	27	37	47	57	67	77
19h40min	21h05min	28	38	48	58	68	78
21h10min	22h35min	29	39	49	59	69	79



BUREAUCRATIC INFORMATION



6. BUREAUCRATIC INFORMATION

6.1 Student visa

To participate in the International Academic Mobility Program or in any other activity offered by Universidade de Caxias do Sul, the student needs to get the proper visa in his/her passport, valid for his/her whole permanence period in Brazil. The student has to request a temporary visa for studies that will be obtained in the consular division of the Brazilian Embassy or in the Brazilian Consulate in the student's home country, before he/she leaves his country. It is recommended to make the request in advance because the procedures the documents go through up to the granting of the proper visa may take a few months. Without the temporary visa the student will not be able to regularize his/her enrollment at Universidade de Caxias do Sul.

6.2 Documents needed to get the visa

The following documents should be presented at the Consular division of the Brazilian Embassy or at the Brazilian Consulate in the student's country:

- *Passport with a minimum validity of six months;*
- *photos 4X4, with white foreground and background;*
- *domicile certificate in the consular jurisdiction;*
- *Term of Acceptance or Invitation Letter from the Institution, in this case, Universidade de Caxias do Sul;*
- *visa request form (available in the site of the Brazilian Consulate in the student's country);*
- *consular fee (check directly at the Consulate in the student's country, as it may vary from country to country);*

The student should consult the Brazilian Consulate of his country in order to get the updated list of documents needed to get the temporary student visa.

You may access the site: <http://www.mre.gov.br/portugues/enderecos/consulados.asp>

6.3 Entrance and permanence in Brazil

During international flights, all passengers receive an entrance document in Brazil that has to be filled in and presented to the Federal Police authorities when they disembark. This procedure is mandatory to register the arrival in the national territory and to later on legalize their permanence in Brazil.

It is important to consult the Brazilian legislation in regard to the documents that have to be presented to the local authorities, as it may undergo some updates. Usually, the following documents will have to be presented:

- *valid passport;*
- *request of entrance visa;*
- *card of entrance/leaving Brazil;*
- *International Certificate of Vaccination, if necessary.*



6.4 Federal Police Registration

Holders of a temporary visa must register at the Department of Federal Police in Caxias do Sul, within thirty days from their entrance in Brazilian territory. They have to consult the Federal Police to update the information about the documents that have to be presented, among them:

- *Passport;*
- *copy of all of the pages of the Passport;*
- *original of the request of entrance visa;*
- *two recent color photographs 3X4 on a white background;*
- *payment receipt of the registration fees;*
- *specific form.*

If the registration is not made, the foreigner will pay a daily fine up to the registration day.

6.5 Contacts with the Federal Police

Av. Julio de Castilhos, nº 150 – Bairro Lourdes – 95010-100
Caxias do Sul - RS
Telefone: + 55 54 3213 9000
Site: www.dpf.gov.br

6.6 Vaccines

The foreign student may have to present his International Certificate of Vaccination against yellow fever, depending on his/her country of origin. The student should check the need for this document before leaving for his/her exchange.

6.7 Health insurance

It is mandatory to the foreign student to present the health insurance certificate as soon as he gets to Universidade de Caxias do Sul. A copy of this document will be filed in the International Relations Office – Exchange Office in the student's file, in case it becomes necessary to use the insurance due to an accident or illness.

If the foreign student arrives in Brazil without the health insurance previously bought, he/she will be oriented to buy insurance with one of the local agencies.





ARRIVAL IN CAXIAS DO SUL



7. ARRIVAL IN CAXIAS DO SUL

7.1 How to get to Caxias do Sul

To get to Caxias do Sul, the foreign student has the following traveling options:

– By land

The student will land in Porto Alegre, at Salgado Filho International Airport - Aeroporto Internacional Salgado Filho. From Porto Alegre, the student may travel to Caxias do Sul by bus. The bus takes about two hours to travel 120 km. Buses leave from Porto Alegre to Caxias do Sul every half hour, from 6:00 A.M. until 11:30 P.M. To do this, the student has to take a taxi to go from the airport to the Porto Alegre bus station, a 15 minute ride. There he'll buy his ticket to Caxias do Sul.

Bus schedules from Porto Alegre to Caxias do Sul

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Hour	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fry	Sat	Sun
2	5h30min	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	
3	6 horas	SSV						
4	6 horas	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF
5	6h30min	SAP	SAP	SAP	SAP	SAP	SAP	
6	7 horas	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	DSV
7	7h10min	DSV						
8	7h30min	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF
9	8 horas	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	
10	8h45min	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV
11	9h15min	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV
12	9h30min	CAP	CAP	CAP	CAP	CAP	CAP	
13	10 horas	C116	C116	C116	C116	C116	C116	C116
14	10h30min	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII
15	11h15min	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV
16	12 horas	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	
17	12h30min	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF
18	13 horas	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV
19	13h30min	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII
20	14 horas	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV
21	14h45min	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV
22	15h15min	C116	C116	C116	C116	C116	C116	C116
23	15h30min	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV
24	16 horas	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII
25	16h30min	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV
26	17 horas	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII
27	17 horas							DSV
28	17h30min	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF
29	17h45min					SSV		
30	18 horas	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV	DSV
31	18h15min							DSV
32	15h25min							SAP
33	18h30min	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII
34	18h50min							C116
35	19 horas	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV
36	19h30min	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF	CF
37	19h45min							DSV
38	20 horas	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII	EIII
39	20h30min					SSV		SSV
40	21 horas							DSV
41	21h30min	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV
42	22h30min							DSV
43	22h45min	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV	SSV		

Abbreviations

DSA - Direct through Sao Vendelino

SSV - Semi direct through Sao Vendelino

SAP - Semi direct through Sao Vendelino,
Antônio Prado to Porto Alegre

C116 - Regular through BR116

CF - Regular through Feliz

EIII - Executivo III



– By Air

Another way of getting to Caxias do Sul is by plane. There are several flights that land at the Regional Airport Hugo Cantergiani, in Caxias do Sul coming from Aeroporto Internacional de Guarulhos in the city of São Paulo. The flight takes about one hour and fifteen minutes.

7.2 Reception at the airport or at the bus station

Every student that is participating in the Programa de Mobilidade Acadêmica – Academic Mobility Program offered by Universidade de Caxias do Sul may benefit from several support services to foreign students. Among them is the reception at the airports or at the bus station.

The reception includes the arrival at Aeroporto Regional de Caxias do Sul, or at the Bus Station of the city.

In order to use this service students should notify their origin institution that will inform UCS about the student's arrival at least one week in advance. It is fundamental that the home institution sends the following data:

- *Notification about the foreign student's arrival*
- *The student's name*
- *Name of the home institution*
- *Country/city the student comes from*
- *Date of the student's arrival*
- *Arrival airport -*
- *Flight number*
- *Time of the flight arrival*
- *Arrival bus station*
- *Time of the bus arrival*

In order to use this service, students should program their arrivals for week days, avoiding to arrive on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays. The student will receive a confirmation document informing that he/she will be received by a UCS representative, duly identified, at the arrival place informed.

7.3 Welcome Week

Universidade de Caxias do Sul promotes, at the beginning of each semester, a welcome activity for all foreign students that arrive at the Institution. This activity consists of informative and integration lectures where important information about life in the campus and in the city of Caxias do Sul is given. In addition, a tour through the university city is offered, visiting the most varied sectors of the university city, such as the Museu de Ciências Naturais (Natural Sciences Museum), the Aquarium, the Zoo, the Centro de Teledifusão Educativa (Center of Educative Radio and Television Broadcasting). This is the best moment for the foreign student to receive all the directions needed and to get acquainted with the academic life at Universidade de Caxias do Sul.

On that occasion, the foreign students will receive several documents that officialize their participation in the International Academic Mobility Program. The documents are:



- *a welcome kit;*
- *the Student Identity Card;*
- *the guide for foreign students;*
- *a map of the university city;*
- *information about the registration at the Federal Police;*
- *information about the University;*
- *information about the city.*

7.4 “Programa Padrinho” - Brazilian Friend Program

The Brazilian Friend Program aims to provide the foreign student all the support he/she needs to accomplish his/her international experience in the best possible way. This program is coordinated by the International Relations Office, and has the support of students of Universidade de Caxias do Sul that have already participated in an international exchange program and that, voluntarily, mobilize to receive a foreign student. The ‘brazilian friends’ are specially in charge of the social and academic integration of the new students in the community, receiving them and accompanying them from their arrival in Brazil until their return to their country of origin.

The foreign student that is interested in participating in the program should notify the International Relations Office that will send him/her a letter informing the name of the student’s friend and the electronic address that will be assigned to him/her, so that both can initiate their contacts.

7.5 Registratiom of the foreign student at UCS

As soon as the student arrives in Brazil, and specially in Caxias do Sul, the student should go to the International Relations Office in order to officialize his/her arrival and to initiate the legalization proceedings in the International Academic Mobility Program.

The student should bring the following documents with him/her:

- *Passport;*
- *Introduction Letter from the home institution;*
- *Plan of studies previously approved;*
- *Copy of the health insurance;*
- *Copy of the student visa;*
- *2 photos 3x4.*

Once the exchange is made official, the foreign student will receive all the directions and the necessary documents for his stay in Brazil, as well as the relevant academic information for the beginning of the exchange.

In order to avoid any problem, the student must observe the working hours of the International Relations Office, avoiding the arrival to the city on weekends or holidays.





LIVING IN CAXIAS DO SUL



8. LIVING IN CAXIAS DO SUL

8.1 Housing

8.1.1 General Information

The choice of the place to live must be made with much care and should be pondered over.

The academic mobility programs offer different housing options. Usually, the students can choose among student residences in the university campi – in case there are –, in family residences, in apartments or in hostels. Each of them has its own peculiarities, advantages and disadvantages. Universidade de Caxias do Sul doesn't have a university residence. However, quite frequently the students get together as a group and rent a place to live. The housing possibilities in Caxias do Sul are the following:

Student Residences (repúblicas): they are usually managed by the students themselves, who rent a place to live, either an apartment or a house, then share the expenses and institute their own rules. The University has a support service for the student, in order to make it easy to allocate the vacancies in these residences. Each of them has its own characteristics and infrastructure.

Flat or Apartment: the students can rent a flat or an apartment either to live alone or to share it with other classmates. These apartments, furnished or not, are managed by real estate agencies that provide all the support for the identification, the choice and the documentation that must be provided to make a contract. Usually, the rental contracts are made by the minimum period of six months or a year.

Host-families: this is a possibility that many students seek after, considering that the host-families offer all the comfort of a dwelling and also offer the integration in the family environment. The student can even negotiate with the family the rendering of some services, such as having his/her laundry done and the use of the house infrastructure, the kitchen, the refrigerator, etc. The values vary according to what is offered by the family.

Hotels: hotels can also be a good option, especially for students that stay for short terms. They are usually located downtown, with easy access to public transportation and to taxis, taxi-vans, etc. The values vary according to the hotel category and according to the period the guest stays in the hotel.

8.1.2 Useful Indications

Hotels Union, Restaurants, Bars and Alike in Caxias do Sul

Tel.: + 55 54 32212666

www.sindiregiao.com.br

Secretaria Municipal de Turismo – Municipal Secretary of Tourism

Tel.: + 55 54 3222 1875

www.caxias.rs.gov.br



8.1.3 Hotel Net in Caxias do Sul

BERGSON EXECUTIVE FLAT

Rua Os 18 do Forte, 1818

Tel.: + 55 54 3214.1122

E-mail: bergson@bergsonflat.com.br

Site: www.bergsonflat.com.br

BLUE TREE TOWERS CAXIAS DO SUL

Rua Pinheiro Machado, 2867

Tel: + 55 54 3224.9000

Toll-Free: 0800.150500

E-mail: vendas.caxias@bluetree.com.br

Site: www.bluetree.com.br

COSMOS HOTEL

Rua 20 de Setembro, 1563

Tel.: + 55 54 3223.7688

Toll Free: 0800.7017688

E-mail: cosmoshotel@cosmoshotel.com.br

Site: www.cosmoshotel.com.br

IBIS CAXIAS DO SUL

Rua João Nichelle, 2335

Tel.: + 55 54 3209.5555

Toll-Free: 0800.7037002

Site: www.accorhotels.com.br/

INTERCITY PREMIUM HOTEL CAXIAS

Av. Terezinha Pauletti Sanvitto , 333

Tel.: + 55 54 3026.1000 e + 55 54 3026.1010

E-mail: caxias@intercityhotel.com.br

Site: www.intercity.com.br

PERSONAL ROYAL HOTEL

Rua Garibaldi, 153

Tel.: +55 54 3289.2000

E-mail: reservas@mabupersonal.com.br

Site: www.hoteismabu.com.br

NORTON SERVICE BUREAU

Rua Ernesto Alves, 2083

Tel.: + 55 54 3223.6177

E-mail: norton@grouponorton.com.br

Site: www.gruponorton.com.br



PARTHENON CAXIAS DO SUL
Rua Os 18 do Forte, 1934
Tel.: + 55 54 3028.1010
Toll-Free: 0800.7037002
E-mail: parthenoncaxias@pidalo.com.br
Site: www.accorhotels.com.br/

SAMUARA PARQUE HOTEL
Rodovia RS 122, Km 96 - nº 2505 - Municipal nº 320
Tel.: + 55 54 3227.2222
E-mail: samuara@samuarahotel.com.br
Site: www.samuarahotel.com.br

8.2 Food

Meal times can be the most complicated or the most pleasant moments of your exchange. In the first weeks of permanence in the new country it is recommended to the student to eat what he/she can easily recognize, for example, fruit and vegetables. It is also recommended to the student to observe his/her biologic clock until it is well adjusted. After this adjustment period, the student should enjoy and taste the typical food. This may be the student's only chance to taste a real "churrasco" (barbecue).

Universidade de Caxias do Sul has a vast number of options of snack bars and restaurants, especially in the seat-campus. The students will be able to choose from a light sandwich to a refined meal in one of the restaurants. The values vary according to the restaurant. A meal may cost something between R\$5,00 to R\$10,00.

8.2.1 Options in the University City

University Restaurant

The Universtiy Restaurant – The Restaurante Universitário (RU) is located in Building 59, in front of the Cetel car parking. It serves lunch and dinner in the system of self-service and buffet by kilo (a meal weighed to pay for). The restaurant is managed by the company Ícaro Alimentações. The RU serves meals with reduced prices for the university students, teachers/professors and employees.

Serving capacity: approximately 300 people.

Working hours:

Lunch: from 11 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (from Mondays to Saturdays)

Dinner: from 6:30 P.M to 8:00 P.M. (from Mondays to Fridays)

Prices:

Students: R\$ 9,19 per kilo, including free juice or tea, upon the presentation of the University identity card.

UCS Teachers/Professors and employees: R\$ 13,65 per kilo (presenting the working tag).

Other people from the community in general: R\$16,98 per kilo.

The dessert is in separate and the price is R\$ 0,85 per unit.

Values of april of 2009.

Telephone + 55 54 3212-1201



Restaurants and snack bars in the Main Campus

Restaurante Rossini - Centro de Convivência – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.2011

SNACK BARS

Bar Palli Ltda. – Centro de Convivência – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.5484

Bar Palli Ltda. – Snack bar between Building Hand Building E.

Bar Energia – Snack bar beside Vila Olímpica – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.4937

Bacharel's Bar – Between Building I and Building J – Telephone + 55 54 9112.0585

Bacharel's Bar – Between Building J and Building 58 – Tel.: + 55 54 9112.0585

CAFÉS

Confeitus – Galeria Universitária - sala 7 – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.3105

Carla Pratomil Ltda. – Café in Galeria Universitária – Sala 6 – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.9421

Dias Café – Galeria Universitária – Salas 21 e 22 – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.0163

SNACK BARS

Confeitus – Passage way of Building F – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.3105

Juventus Hamburgueria – Galeria Universitária – Sala 4 – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.2407

Lourenzo Zanoto – Snack bar between Building B and Building C – Tel.: + 55 54 99820900

Lourenzo Zanoto – Snack bar between Building D and Building G – Tel.: + 55 54 99726990

Poloka Café – Snack bar between Ambulatório Central and Building L – Tel.: + 55 54 91131799

Poloka Café – Centro Poliesportivo – Tel.: + 55 54 91131799

PIZZA RESTAURANTS

Mezzaluna Pizzeria - Galeria Universitária – Sala 8 – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.9455

SANDWICH BARS

Catna Sanduicheria – Galeria Universitária – Sala 27 – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.7348

8.2.2 Options in the City of Caxias do Sul

BUFFET SERVICE, A LA CARTE, CONTINUOUS TABLESIDE SERVICE, GRILLED FOOD AND SOUP

CANTINA LA ONDA

Rua Francisco Paglioli, 984

Tel.: + 55 54 3229.2359



CANTINA PÃO E VINHO
Rua Ludovico Cavinatto, 1.757
Tel.: + 55 54 3211.2500

CANTINA TOLDO
Av. Itália, 544
Tel.: + 55 54 3221.3822

COMIDA MINEIRA ÁGUA DOCE CACHAÇARIA
Rua Joao Adami, 238
Tel.: + 55 54 3211.2404

RESTAURANTE COLINAS
Travessão Pedro Américo, 300 / Ana Rech
Tel.: + 55 54 3283.1688

COMIDA NATURAL FLOR DE ARROZ RAIZ ALIMENTOS NATURAIS
Rua Dr. Montauray, 1092
Tel.: + 55 54 3221.4425
E-mail: flordoarroz@terra.com.br

RESTAURANTE PER MANGIARE
Av. Júlio de Castilhos, 962
Tel.: + 55 54 3222.3330
E-mail: permangiare@vant.com.br

COZINHA INTERNACIONAL VILLADI VILLA
Estrada para São Valentin
Tel.: + 55 54 3208.1130

FAMIGLIA GELAIN
Rua Rodrigues Alves, 2.638
Tel.: + 55 54 3228.3977

GALETERIA PICCOLO POLLO
Rua 20 de Setembro, 2.857
Tel.: + 55 54 3221.7879

GALETERIA VÊNETO
Via Vêneto, 4.548
Tel.: + 55 54 3211.3338

RESTAURANTE DON CLAUDINO
Rua Padre Alberto Luis Lamonato, 1127
Tel.: + 55 54 3211.9899

RESTAURANTE E GALETERIA ALVORADA
Rua Os 18 do Forte, 200
Tel.: + 55 54 3222.4637



RESTAURANTE LA VINDIMA
Rua Borges de Medeiros, 446
Tel.: + 55 54 3221.1696

RISTORANTE GIUSEPPE
RS 122 - Km 12,5/Loja 213 - Junto ao Shopping Iguatemi
Tel.: + 55 54 3214.9005

BAITAKÃO Restaurante e Lanches
Rua Sinimbu, 175 - Lourdes
Tel.: + 55 54 3222.1034
E-mail: baitakao@terra.com.br

CÉSAROS RESTAURANTE
Rua Borges de Medeiros, 391, sala 18
Tel.: + 55 54 3223.3888

COLINA GRILL RESTAURANTE
Rua Prof. Marcos Martini, 285
Tel.: + 55 54 3211.3344

DÉDALUS RESTAURANTE LTDA
Av. Júlio de Castilhos, 500
Tel.: + 55 54 3228.2770

EL FUEGO - Grelhados & Saladas
RS 122, Km 12,5, no Shopping Iguatemi
Tel.: + 55 54 3214.9029

ÍCARO UNIVERSITÁRIO / ÍCARO MASTER
Rua Francisco Getúlio Vargas, 1130 - UCS - Bloco 59
Tel.: + 55 54 3212.1201
E-mail: icarorestaurante@aol.com

RESTAURANTE ÍCARO
Rua Pinheiro Machado, 1.370, sala 01
Tel.: + 55 54 3223.7620
E-mail: icarorestaurante@ad.com

LABAREDA'S GRILL
Rua Sinimbu, 2070, sala 60
Tel.: + 55 54 3214.2692

MASH MELLOW - Restaurante, Café Colonial e Casa de Chá
Rua Pinheiro Machado, 1.500
Tel.: + 55 54 3221.0075

RESTAURANTE ANDRÉA
Rua Marcos Moreschi, 85/Bairro Pio X
Tel.: + 55 54 3221.1897



RESTAURANTE AVENIDA
Av. Júlio de Castilhos, 2.918
Tel.: + 55 54 3225.3270

RESTAURANTE CENTENÁRIO
Rua Rodrigues Alves, 2.466
Tel.: + 55 54 3212.5333

RESTAURANTE DAS CAMÉLIAS
Av. Rio Branco, 1.825 / Ana Rech
Tel.: + 55 54 3283.1194

RESTAURANTE e PIZZARIA ALITÁLIA
Rua Alfredo Chaves, 353
Tel.: + 55 54 3223.3271

RESTAURANTE IRMÃOS FERRONATTO
Rua Mateo Gianella, 1.143
Tel.: + 55 54 3211.1515
E-mail: resirmaosferronato@bol.com.br

RESTAURANTE LA CONQUISTA
Av. Itália, 150
Tel.: + 55 54 3223.4007

RESTAURANTE SICA
Rua Ítalo Victor Bersani, 1.134
Tel.: + 55 54 3222.7470
E-mail: sica@bitcom.com.br

BARBECUE RESTAURANTS

CHAMACRIOULA CHURRASCARIA
BR 116, Km 151, 3.601
Tel.: + 55 54 3222.2922

CHURRASCARIA DO BIGODE
Rua Sinimbu, 490
Tel.: + 55 54 3228.1722

CHURRASCARIA E GALETERIA PONTEIO/PETEFFI
Av. Júlio de Castilhos, 3.220
Tel.: + 55 54 3225.1562

CHURRASCARIA GAUDÉRIO
Rua Mário De Boni, 1.766
Fone + 55 54 3225.4466
E-mail: gauderio@gauderio.com.br
Site: www.gauderio.com.br



CHURRASCARIA IMPERADOR
Av. Júlio de Castilhos, 3.107
Tel.: + 55 54 3225.1513

CHURRASCARIA LAÇO DE OURO
Rua Os 18 do Forte, 169
Tel.: + 55 54 3222.8603

CHURRASCARIA RECANTO SUL
BR 116, Km 143, 12.505 / S?o
Ciro
Tel.: + 55 54 3229.5026
E-mail: recantosul@terra.com.br

CHURRASCARIA SANTA TEREZINHA
Vila Cristina, s/nº
Tel.: + 55 54 3287.1169

RESTAURANTE GIANELLA
Av. Rubem Bento Alves, 4.499
Tel.: + 55 54 3211.3066
E-mail: gianella@gianella.com.br
Site: www.gianella.com.br

PIZZERIAS

CAMORRA PIZZARIA
Rua Governador Roberto Silveira, 1194
Tel.: + 55 54 3211.1213

DON CARLONE PIZZERIA
BR 116 - Km 154, 23.358
Tel.: + 55 54 3213.3999
E-mail: doncarlone@doncarlone.com.br

DONATELLO PIZZARIA
Av. Rossetti, 100, sala 102
Tel.: + 55 54 3214.2924

GIORDANI & GIORDANI
Av. Abramo Randon, 975
Fone + 55 54 3028.2726
Rua Emílio Ataliba Finger, 200 / Colina Sorriso
Tel.: + 55 54 3211.2730
E-mail: giordani@giordani.com.br
Site: www.giordani.com.br

PIZZA & PASTA ARTEGIANALE
Av. Júlio de Castilhos, 545
Tel.: + 55 54 3222.1001



PIZZA HUT

Rua Alfredo Chaves, 1234 - sala 06
Tel.: 0800 541 1666 ou + 55 54 3221.0193
Site: www.pizzahut-poa.com.br

PIZZARIA BELLA FORNAGLIA

Av. Júlio de Castilhos, 3032
Tel.: +55 54 3225.1188

PIZZARIA CASA NOSSA

Av. Rio Branco, 1.400
Tel.: + 55 54 3226.2426

PIZZARIA DON GUILHERME

Rua Ludovico Cavinatto, 287 - Nossa Sra. da Saúde
Tel.: + 55 54 3211.0527

PIZZARIA DON ROMANO

Rua Ludovico Cavinatto, 2461
Tel.: +55 54 3201.1413

PIZZARIA O FORNÃO

Rua Garibaldi, 101
Tel.: + 55 54 3221.4143

PIZZARIA PECCATO DI GULA

Rua Pinheiro Machado, 2.755
Tel.: + 55 54 3223.7608

PIZZARIA PIZZAIOLO

Rua Andrade Neves, 66
Tel.: + 55 54 3228.3177 / + 55 54 3219.4088

PIZZARIA NELLA PIETRA

Av. Rubem Bento Alves, 4575
Tel.: +55 54 3202.5000



8.3 Transportation

8.3.1 Public Transportation

Public transportation in Caxias do Sul is made by Viação Santa Teresa de Caxias do Sul (Visate) that operates through a public concession. Visate offers about 72 lines covering practically the whole urban perimeter of the city. A bus ticket costs, in april of 2009, R\$ 2,20 (two reals and twenty cents). Students are able to acquire the student's card that allows them to buy up to 50 (fifty) tickets a month for R\$ 1,10 (one real and ten cents) each. UCS' students, including the foreign students, may acquire the bus pass in the sales stand located in Galeria Universitária in the Campus or directly in Visate's store downtown. To do so, the foreign university student will receive a letter from the International Relations Office that will introduce him/her to Visate so that he can purchase student tickets.

In Caxias do Sul, bus passes that last for a week or a month are not used, like in other countries. This system is not available yet.

For further information consult the site: www.visate.com.br

8.3.2 Internal public transportation in the Main Campus

People that go around in the Main Campus can use the public transportation service maintained by the University, freely. It works from 7:40 A.M. to 10:45 P.M., from Monday to Friday, leaving from the Quiosque de Informações every 15 or 30 minutes.

On Saturdays, it works from 7:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M., and the departures have intervals of 30 minutes. Check the schedule:

Mornin	Afternoon	Mid-afternoon	Evening	Saturdays
<i>To early evening</i>				
7:40	12:15:00	4:45:00	8:15:00	07:45:00
7:55	12:45:00	5:15:00	8:45:00	08:15:00
8:14	1:15:00	5:15:00	9:15:00	08:45:00
8:45	1:30:00	6:00:00	9:45:00	09:15:00
9:15	1:45:00	6:15:00	10:00:00	09:45:00
9:45	2:15:00	6:45:00	10:15:00	10:15:00
10:15	2:45:00	7:15:00	10:30:00	10:45:00
10:45	3:15:00	7:30:00	11:15:00	
11:15	3:45:00	7:45:00	11:45:00	
11:30	4:15:00			
11:45	4:30:00			
12:00				

Bus stops:

Quiosque de Informações (Information Desk), Creche da UCS, Vila Olímpica, Instituto de Biotecnologia, Mecatrônica, Fundos da Gráfica (behind the Publishing Office), Departamento de Medicina Legal (Legal Medicine Department), Bloco S, Bloco A, Bloco B (Buildings S, A, B).



8.4 Communications

8.4.1 Telephone Services

Local calls can be made from any telephone, just dialing the telephone number you want, without the area code. If you use the public telephones, you must use coins or a telephone card (Embratel Card – DDI) whose value may vary from R\$5,00 to R\$100,00. Cards can be acquired in post office agencies, in lottery shops or in the newsstands located downtown. To make inter-city calls you need to dial: 0 + operator code + area code (DDD) + telephone number.

In case of international calls, you need to dial:

00 + operator code + country code (DDI) + city code + telephone number.

The operator companies available in Brazil and their respective codes are:

– *Embratel*: 21

– *Intelig*: 23

– *Call through operator*: 0800 7032111

– *Collect calls*: 08007032111

To make collect calls, we recommend the foreign student to consult the local operator, once each country has different codes and dialing procedures. We also recommend consulting the site: www.embratel.com.br

Important telephones:

- Military Police 190
- Civil Police 194
- Firemen 193
- Ambulance 193
- Time information 130
- Federal Police + 55 54 3225-2772 or 3225-4200
- Bus Station + 55 54 3228-3000
- Airport of Caxias do Sul + 55 54 3901-1219
- General Hospital UCS + 55 54 3218-7200
- Taxi service (radio-taxi) + 55 54 3211-4141
- Porto Alegre's Bus station + 55 51 3210-0101
- Visate 0800 000 6133
- Post Office Agency + 55 54 223-7733 / 3223-5329

8.4.2 System of Postal Services

The Brazilian Postal Service system is quite agile and organized. In Caxias do Sul, several post offices and agencies are available for the population and they have their working hours from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., daily, except on Sundays and holidays. On Saturdays, they open only in the morning. To consult prices and services, the foreign student can access the site: or go to one of the agencies in the following addresses:

Agências de Correios - Post Office

Agência Central

Rua Sinimbú, 1951 - Tel.: + 55 54 3223-7733



Other agencies:

- Lojas Colombo. Av. Júlio de Castilhos, 1.609 - Centro - Tel.: + 55 54 3223.7777
- Bairro Pio X - Rua Moreira César, 1.519 - Tel.: + 55 54 3214.2011
- ACF Algo Mais - Av. Rio Branco, 194 - Tel.: + 55 54 3223.3191
- Rua General Sampaio, 247 sala A - Tel.: + 55 54 3226.3394
- São Pelegrino - Rua Irma Valiera, 152 - Tel.: + 55 54 3223.9427
- ACF N. Sra. Lourdes - Rua Sinimbú, 306 sala 2 - Tel.: + 55 54 3222.2174
- Ana Rech - Av. Rio Branco, 2743 - Tel.: + 55 54 3283.2145

8.4.3 Communication system via Internet

Universidade de Caxias do Sul has a wide network of computers interconnected through Internet that can be used by all students. The computers are located in the informatics laboratories and in the libraries. In order to use them, foreign students just need to identify themselves with the magnetic card that they received when they arrived at the university and to observe the working hours of each laboratory. Exchange students have the access to all the informatics means like e-mail and Internet. In case the student doesn't have an e-mail address, the University will open a temporary account to be used during the student's permanence at UCS.

8.4.4 Cyber cafés

Cyberfox

Rua Bento Gonçalves, 1.694 A - Centro
Tel.: + 55 54 3028.9878

Cybercafe @ Center

Rua Pinheiro Machado, 2.614 - Bairro São Pelegrino
Tel.: + 55 54 221.0111

Isand Lanhouse

Av. Júlio de Castilhos, 2.030 - sala 312 - Prativiera Shopping
Tel.: + 55 54 3028.7700

8.5 Finances

8.5.1 Currency

The official currency used all over the national territory is the Real, and its symbol is R\$. The equalization can be made in relation to the American money, that is, the Dollar, or to the European money, the Euro, according to the following quotation registered in April, 2008.

US\$ 1,00 = R\$2,20

Euro 1,00 = R\$3,00

To obtain updated information about currency quotation (exchange rate), the student can consult the site: (International exchange value converter).



8.5.2 Cost of Living

Expenses vary according to the kind of housing chosen and the individual needs of each student. However, the monthly expenses of a foreign student in Caxias do Sul can be calculated upon an average of R\$1.000,00 (one thousand reais) or US\$300,00 (three hundred American dollars) a month to cover the expenses with accommodation, food and transportation.

Some examples of cost of living:

Motive - Approximate cost in Dollars, in Euros and in Reais

Accommodation in host-families (month)	US\$92,60	€70,02	R\$220,00 to 250,00
Meals (unit)	US\$3,70	€2,80	R\$5,00 to R\$10,00
Books	US\$18,52	€14,00	R\$50,00
Clothes - laundry	US\$5,55	€4,20	R\$15,00
Local telephone calls	US\$0,11	€0,008	R\$0,30
Bus ticket	US\$0,59	€0,45	R\$1,60
A liter of milk	US\$0,55	€0,42	R\$ 1,50
A roll (small bread)	US\$0,11	€0,08	R\$0,30
A newspaper	US\$0,74	€0,56	R\$2,00
A soda	US\$0,55	€0,42	R\$1,50
Xerox copy	US\$0,04	€0,03	R\$0,10
Cinema	US\$2,22	€1,68	R\$6,00
A sandwich	US\$0,74	€0,56	R\$2,00
Aspirin (envelope)	US\$0,74	€0,56	R\$2,00

8.5.3 Bank System

The foreign student will be able to use all the bank services that are made available by the agencies. To open an account, the student should consult about the specific documents requested by the bank agency. The working hours are from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Banks don't close at noon.

8.5.4 Bank agencies and ATMs located in the Campus

The agencies and automatic teller machines (ATM) available in the Main Campus are the following:

BANCO DO ESTADO DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL S/A

Bank Agency located in Centro de Convivência – Tel.: + 55 54 3212.2599 e + 55 54 3212.5858

Electronic Service Terminal – ATM - located in Galeria Universitária - Sala 10

Electronic Service Terminal – ATM - located in Building A

BANCO SANTANDER

Bank Service Post located in Galeria Universitária – Tel.: + 55 54 3218 4200

Electronic Service Terminal – ATM - located at the Bus Station Terminal

COOPERUCS – Cooperativa de Economia de Crédito Mútuo dos Professores e Funcionários da UCS

Bank Service Post located in Galeria Universitária - Salas 34 and 35 – Tel.: + 55 54 3218.2581

CAIXA ECONÔMICA FEDERAL

Bank Service Post located in Galeria Universitária - Tel.: + 55 54 3212.5338



8.6 Environment

8.6.1 Climate

The climate in the city of Caxias do Sul and in the region is quite well defined during the four seasons of the year; however, the temperature may vary a lot in one single day, oscillating between negative degrees to more than +20° C.

The table below aims at informing the annual average temperatures and the time of the year they occur. Students should be advised about the negative temperatures that may occur if the winter is very cold, which are not typical of the subtropical climate of southern of Brazil.

Season	Time of the year	Temperatures
Spring	From September 21 to December 22	From 18C° to 22C°
Summer	From December 23 to March 22	From 20C° to 30C°
Autumn	From March 23 to June 21	From 15C° to 20C°
Winter	From June 22 to September 22	From 0°C to 10°C

8.6.2 Temperature

In Brazil, the Celsius scale is used to classify the temperature. The table below can help the foreign student in case the scale used in his/her country is different from the Brazilian one.

COMPARATIVE TEMPERATURE SCALES

C°	F°	C°	F°	C°	F°
45°	113°	12,8°	55°	-6,7°	20°
40°	104°	12°	50°	-10°	14°
36,7°	95°	10°	50°	-15°	5°
35°	95°	7,2°	45°	-17,8°	0°
30°	86°	5°	41°	-20°	-4°
26,7°	80°	1,7°	35°	-25°	-13°
25°	77°	0°	32°	-30°	-22°
20°	68°	-1,1°	30°	-35°	-31°
15,5°	60°	-5°	23°	-40°	-40°



8.6.3 Power and Electricity

The electrical system in Caxias do Sul uses the 220V (Volts) voltage. The electric plugs are designed according to the American pattern. If necessary, the student can buy adapters in electric materials stores or in supermarkets.

8.6.4 Weights and Measures

The use of different systems of weights and measures can vary from country to country. Through the table below, the student can make the conversion of the system used in his/her origin country to the system used in Brazil.

Weights, measures and volumes

1 inch	2.54 centimeters
1 centimeter	0.39 inches
1 foot	30.48 centimeters
1 foot	12 inches
1 yard	03 feet
1 yard	91.44 centimeters
1 meter	3.28 feet
1 mile	1.6 kilometers
1 kilometer	0.62 miles
1 liter	0.26 gallon (USA)
1 gallon	3.785 litres (USA)
1 kilogram	2.20 pounds
1 acre	4047 square meters

8.6.5 Local Time

Caxias do Sul follows the official time of the city of Brasília, the Federal Capital, that is located in the Center-West Region of Brazil. Brasília is four hours behind the world time established by the Greenwich Meridian.

Brazil adopts the summer Daylight Saving Time that usually begins in the month of October and ends in the month of February. The summer time, in that period, determines the addition of one hour to the clocks.





9 SERVICES

9.1 Vila Olímpica – Olympic Village

Vila Olímpica – Olympic Village is a department that supports the activities of the courses of Licentiate's degree in Physical Education, Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and of the Physiotherapy Undergraduate Course in. It comprehends a sports and educational complex that includes classrooms, laboratories, a gym, three gymnasiums, a semi-olympic swimming-pool, polyvalent courts, an athletics course, tennis and paddle courts, a football field, volley-ball courts and beach soccer courts.

Vila Olímpica has a qualified technical-scientific staff that counts on the cooperation of academic students from the courses of Physical Education and Physiotherapy and an infrastructure of more than 20 thousand square meters. Vila Olímpica allows the development of several sports modalities, as well as it offers the means to provide training and direction to sportsmen and sportswomen and to people interested in doing sports and performing physical activities with the direction of professionals in the area.

Vila Olímpica was inaugurated in 1998 and its activities are open to the university community and the public in general. Every day, about 2 thousand people go to the different spaces that compound the Vila. Foreign students are invited to participate of any of the activities that are offered at Vila Olímpica, getting special benefits that stimulate their participation.

9.2 System of Libraries

The access to the knowledge produced is the best support for qualified education and for a high level scientific production. Based on this principle, Universidade de Caxias do Sul organized its System of Libraries, a complex composed by Biblioteca Central (Central Library) , and another eighteen sectorial libraries, interconnected by the computer network of the University – UCSnet. Adjusting themselves to the regional development, the sectorial libraries are located in the university units of the Main Campus: Biblioteca Central and Biothecnology Institute; Campus 8; Bento Gonçalves; Vacaria; Canela; Farroupilha; Guaporé; Nova Prata; Veranópolis, and São Sebastião do Caí.

Biblioteca Setorial da Escola Técnica de Farroupilha (Sectorial Library of Technical School of Farroupilha) is located in the municipal district of Farroupilha. Through UCS' System of Libraries, the user can access a collection of more than 981,600 books. Through electronic means, thousands of updated scientific papers, available through the Virtual Library, can be accessed on-line, as well as through local databanks. The Libraries' virtual services and modern technological resources, allied to a qualified professional staff, make it possible to offer a prompt and specialized service to their users.

9.3 Foreign Languages Program – Programa de Línguas Estrangeiras (PLE)

The Foreign Languages Program (PLE) was created by Universidade de Caxias do Sul to promote and provide the learning of different languages. At PLE, students have classes in a university environment that offers the necessary structure and resources to the proficiency of foreign languages: special classrooms totally



equipped, Sala de Leitura – a Reading Room, and what is the most advanced resource in the area: a Multimedia Language Laboratory.

PLE's teaching programs aim at adults, teenagers and older people. Through the emphasis given to the acknowledgement and use of communicative strategies, the programs are developed towards qualifying the students to speak and understand the languages taught, as well as to read and write them. Besides the courses that approach the language in a general way and that are developed according to levels, PLE also answers to the specific needs of its students by offering, among others, conversation classes and language courses for specific purposes.

The foreign students may choose any of the courses offered to the community in general, among them: German, Chinese, Spanish, French, Greek, Hebrew, English, Italian, Japanese, Russian or Latin.

9.4 Program of Portuguese for Foreigners

The Program of Portuguese for Foreigners comprises all the actions related to the offer of general Portuguese courses and courses of Portuguese for Specific Purposes, proficiency tests, and cultural projects aiming at the learning of the language. The program also holds and participates in seminars and congresses, provides consulting for foreign institutions in regard to the development of courses and to the certification of Portuguese as a foreign language.

9.4.1 Intensive courses of Portuguese for foreigners

Learning Portuguese in an immersion context, grants the learner, besides the language knowledge to experience the culture of the country. Brazil, a rich country regarding ethnic and cultural diversities, has, in the Região da Encosta Superior do Nordeste gaúcho (Region of the Mountains in the Gaúcho Northeast), the predominance of the characteristics and usages brought by the European immigrants, especially Germans, Italians, Portuguese and Spanish.

The foreign students will find signs of progress allied to quality of life in Caxias do Sul and in the region, in an environment that charms the visitors.

PPE offers to the foreigners the possibility of taking Intensive Courses that last 2, 3 or 4 weeks (40 class hours; 60 class hours; 80 class hours).

Beginning of Courses:

The courses begin on the first Monday of each month.

Place of the course: Universidade de Caxias do Sul – Building L

Course value: you may consult through the electronic mail –

9.4.2 Regular courses of Portuguese for foreigners

Universidade de Caxias do Sul, through the Programa de Português para Estrangeiros, offers the Regular Course of Portuguese for Foreigners. The objective is to associate the extension actions related to the teaching of the Portuguese Language, developed by the Letters Department in the area.

The course aims at attending the needs of people that are living in Brazil or intend to stay in the country for a certain period. The skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing will be developed in situations of use of the Portuguese Language.



Beginning of the Courses:

Courses begin in March and August (semestral) – 60 class hours.

Place of the course: Universidade de Caxias do Sul – Building L

Value of the course: consult through the electronic mail

9.5 Entertainment

9.5.1 UCS Teatro – UCS Theater

The theater was inaugurated in August, 2001, with a presentation of Mercedes Sosa and Fagner, with a full house for two consecutive nights. The University of Caxias do Sul Theater, or UCS Teatro, as it is best known, is a space where knowledge, art, culture and entertainment alternate and mix, offering the community the possibility of developing and enlarging its cultural and aesthetic taste through musical spectacles, shows, and plays. It is also a privileged place to hold major academic events, graduation ceremonies, lectures, and student meetings. In its agenda there is always a place booked for the rehearsals and presentations of Orquestra Sinfônica da Universidade de Caxias do Sul – Symphony Orchestra of Universidade de Caxias do Sul, that has already conquered a captive audience and in every last Thursday of each month there is a performance of the Orchestra - always with the participation of guests - as part of Projeto Quinta Sinfônica (Symphony Thursday Project).

Great names of the Brazilian and international artistic scenery, such as Fagner, Mercedes Sosa, Ivan Lins, Marina Lima, Ney Matogrosso, Pedro Luiz e a Parede, Frejat e Banda, Ana Carolina, João Bosco, Chico César, Ed Motta, Zeca Baleiro, Chico Anísio, Tom Cavalcanti, Frank Solari, Renato Borghetti, Luiz Marengo, Miguel Proença, Grupo Madrigal, and The Beats have already performed at UCS Theater. Among the productions brought to Caxias do Sul, we can point out: “Quixote”, with Carlos Moreno; “Pequeno Dicionário Amoroso”, com Cristiana Oliveira and Eri Johnson, “Bailei na Curva”, “Onde está você agora”, “Cócegas”, “Tangos e Tragédias”, the operas Madame Butterfly , Merry Widow, and others.

9.5.2 Orchestra

The Symphony Orchestra of Universidade de Caxias do Sul is one of the programs of the Coordenadoria de Difusão Cultural (Cultural Dissemination Coordination Sector) - CDIC- of Pró-Reitoria de Extensão (Pro-Rectorate of Extension). The orchestra is composed by an artistic coordination, a support team, and 37 musicians that play strings, wood, metal, and percussion instruments. In the level of musical education, it maintains the Music School that offers courses on musicalization, courses on the specific instruments of orchestra formation, courses on chorus -singing and on musical theory, and also maintains the children and youths choir.

By taking over the project of maintenance of the Symphony Orchestra, Universidade de Caxias do Sul aims at the expansion, dissemination, and consolidation of culture in the city and in the region, contributing to the extraordinary values that music propitiates for the development of citizens. The orchestra makes regular free presentations to the community, and this includes the foreign students, especially those that appreciate a good musical option.



9.5.3 Zoo

The Zoo of Universidade de Caxias do Sul was inaugurated in 1987 and is located in an area of 20.000 square meters. There are about 150 animals in the zoo and 50 different species, such as reptiles, birds, and mammals.

Besides being an important leisure option for the population, UCS' Zoo is a space that propitiates the knowledge of the Brazilian fauna. It works as a recovery center and as a shelter for wild animals that have been confiscated due to their irregular situation, preparing them to readjust to their natural environment or to an environment that is more favorable to their survival.

As a university space, the Zoo also develops environmental education activities and provides didactic and scientific support to the course of biological sciences.

About 10 thousand people a month visit the place that has become one of the main leisure options for the population of the city and of the region.

9.5.4 Museum of Natural Sciences

The Museum of Natural Sciences of Universidade de Caxias do Sul is a center of studies in the area of Biological Sciences that has cultural and academic purposes and that aims at scientific research purposes and the dissemination of knowledge.

The Museum, that is located at the Main Campus, started its activities in 1984 with the researches developed in the Botanical area and, since its first years of functioning, it has been performing an important role of support and encouragement to the activities developed by UCS in the area of the Natural Sciences. The Museum displays permanent and temporary exhibitions, and also has classrooms, research laboratories and special environments, adequate to shelter the different kinds of material that are part of its collection. The Museum opens daily and is a space that favors the study of the natural environment of the region, promoting the dissemination of knowledge, behaviors, and values oriented towards the conservation and preservation of the natural resources and the elements that compose the ecosystems of the region and of the State of Rio Grande do Sul.

9.5.5 Aquarium

In 2001, new spaces of permanent exhibition were inaugurated and among them was UCS Aquarium. It is an assemblage of 20 aquariums that gathers, for exhibition and studies, about 2.6 thousand individuals of 70 species such as poriphera, cnidaria, echinoderms, crustaceous, amphibians, fish, and reptiles. UCS Aquarium is one more option of leisure and study for the foreign students, as there they'll be able to get to know typical Brazilian species.

9.5.6 Tourist spots in Caxias do Sul

PARQUE DOS MACAQUINHOS – PARK

Rua Dr. Montauray on the corner of Rua Dom José Baréa

MONUMENTO NACIONAL AO IMIGRANTE – NATIONAL MONUMENT TO THE IMMIGRANT

Phone + 55 54 3221 2423

A symbol of Caxias do Sul, created by the Italian artist Antonio Caringi, the monument depicts the arrival of the colonization pioneers around 1875, through an Italian couple.

BR 116, opposite the beginning of Av. Júlio de Castilhos.

CATEDRAL DIOCESANA – DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL

Phone + 55 54 3221.2564

Inspired in the Basilica de Santo Antônio (Bologna - Italy), it was built in the Italian neo-gothic style, and presents ten altars – one main altar and nine lateral altars. It is located downtown, in front of Praça Dante Alighieri.

ESPETÁCULO SOM & LUZ – SOUND & LIGHT SPECTACLE

Phone + 55 54 3027.5501

It is considered one of the three best spectacles of its kind in the world; it portrays the Italian immigration saga. It is held near Caxias do Sul's Replica.

MUSEU MUNICIPAL - MUNICIPAL MUSEUM

Phone: + 55 54 3221.2423

Built in the last century, the building keeps its initial characteristics, reminding the Portuguese colonial style. It shelters valuable pieces of the Italian colonization process.

Rua Visconde de Pelotas, 586 - Downtown

MUSEU DE AMBIÊNCIA CASA DE PEDRA –

Tel.: + 55 54 3221.2423

Built in 1878 by the Lucchese family, in its rooms it shelters objects, utensils, and furniture used by the immigrants at the time of colonization. It is considered a Living Museum in Latin America.

Rua Matheo Gianella (next to Perimetral roundabout).

IGREJA DE SÃO PELEGRINO - SÃO PELEGRINO CHURCH

Tel.: + 55 54 3221.2567

An artistic reference point in the city, it has Aldo Locatelli's frescoes in its interior, outside bronze doors that reproduce the colonization saga in high relief, and a replica of Michelangelo's masterpiece, the Pietá, located in the atrium.

Av. Itália, on the corner of Av. Rio Branco.

REPLICAS

Tel.: + 55 54 3207.1166

An architectural assemblage consisting of 15 wooden houses that includes a church and a bandstand and reproduces Julio de Castilhos Avenue around 1885. It is located at Pavilhões da Festa da Uva.



9.6 Health Care

9.6.1 Medical Rescue

The Main Campus and Campus 8 of Universidade de Caxias do Sul are served by Ecco-Salva, through the system of Protected area. This means that professors/teachers, employees, students and visitors can request Ecco-Salva's help when they are in any of the Caxias Campi, in case of an emergency or of pre-hospital medical urgency. The system can be accessed by telephone + 55 54 3218 2839 or 0800 722 0300.

9.6.2 Ambulatório do Campus – Campus Emergency Department

Ambulatório do Campus
Tel.: + 55 54 3218.2193

9.6.3 General Hospital

Hospital Geral
Tel.: + 55 54 3218 7200





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Official site of the Brazilian government
www.brasil.gov.br

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
www.mre.gov.br

Caxias do Sul City hall
www.caxias.rs.gov.br

Municipal Secretary of Tourism
www.caxias.rs.gov/turismo

Universidade de Caxias do Sul
www.ucs.br

Wheater Forecasting
www.defesacivil.rs.gov.br

Bus Station of Caxias do Sul
www.rodoviariacaxias.com.br

Visate
www.visate.com.br

Bus Station of Porto Alegre
www.rodoviaria-poa.com.br

Currency convertor and finances

www.oanda.com/convert/classic

www.estadao.com.br/cgi.ptl/conversor.pl

www.oliberal.com.br/moeda

<http://invertia.com/mercados/divisas/calculadivisa.asp> (Terra convertor)

www.craftassoc.com/convert.html

<http://br.finance.yahoo.com/m3> (Yahoo convertor in Portuguese)

Information Portals

www.revistaveja.com.br

www.globo.com.br

www.clicrbs.com.br

www.terra.com.br

www.embratur.gov.br

www.uol.com.br

www.folha.br

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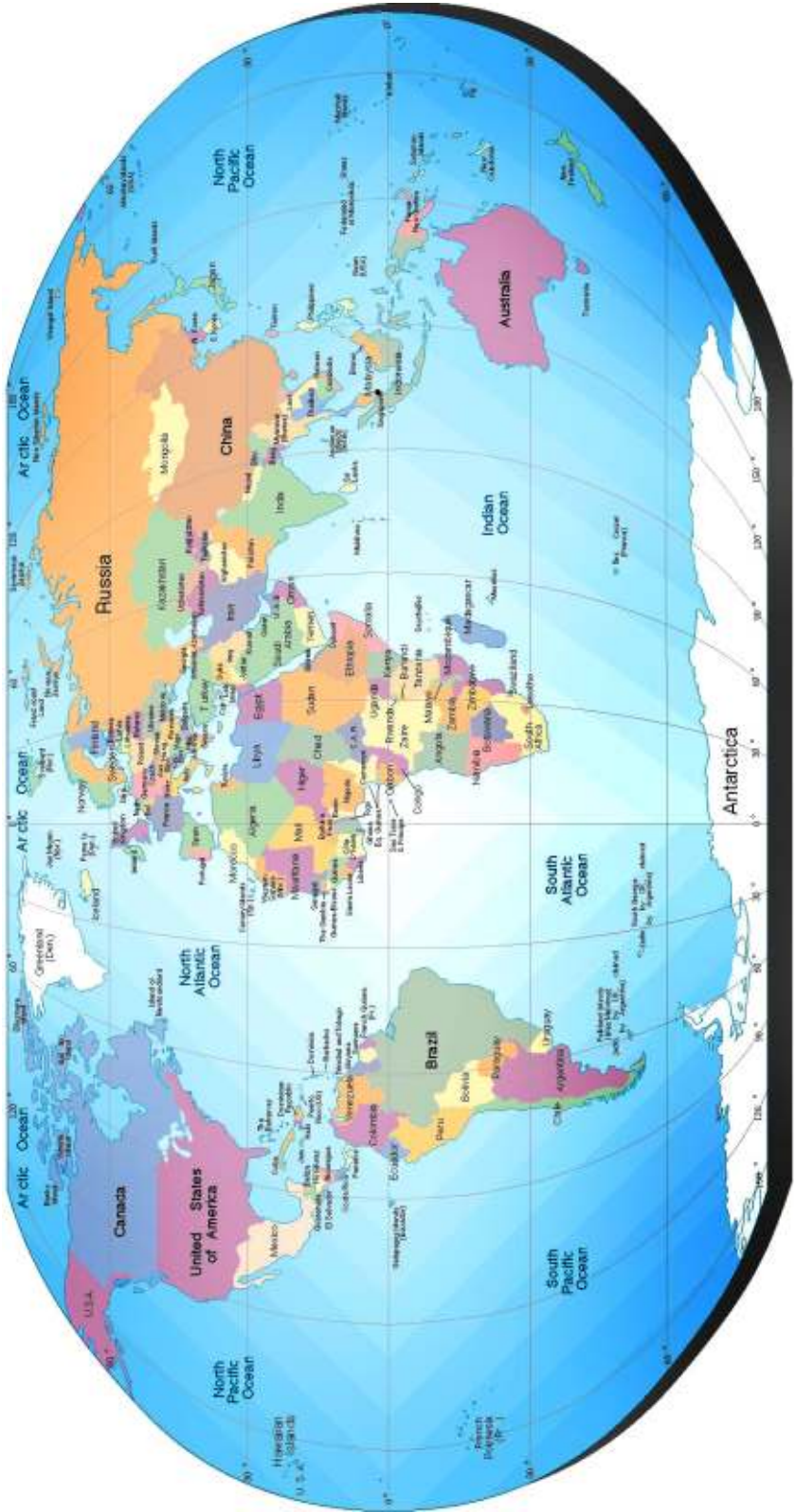




ANNEXES



World Map



Brazil Map



Rio Grande do Sul State Map





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FOREIGN STUDENTS APPLICATION FORM

ACADEMIC YEAR: _____

Name of the programme: _____

PHOTO

1. Student's Personal data

Full name: _____

Gender: _____

Date of birth: _____

City / country of birth: _____

Residential address: _____

Passport number: _____

Telephone number: _____ Mobile phone: _____

E-mail: _____

2. Academic data

Home Institution name: _____

Telephone number: _____ Fax number: _____

Academic course complete name: _____

Grade average: _____

Contact person: _____

Telephone number: _____ *E-mail:* _____

3. Host Institution data

Name of academic course: _____

Name of the coordinator: _____

Telephone number: _____ *E-mail:* _____

Contact person at UCS: _____

Telephone number: _____ *E-mail:* _____

4. Details of the proposed study programme abroad

Host institution course unit	Course unit credits	Home institution course unit	Course unit credits
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

5. Commitment agreement

I accept the terms and conditions of the academic exchange program with Universidade de Caxias do Sul. Should I be selected, I assume my personal expenses.

Name of the student: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ___ / ___ / _____

6. Authorization

I authorize the student to participate in the academic exchange program between Universidade de Caxias do Sul and our Institution.

Name of the person responsible for the international programs: _____

Occupation: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ___ / ___ / _____

7. Documents included:

- Application form ()
- Curriculum ()
- School transcripts ()
- Letter of intention (maximun 2 pages) ()
- Passport copy (identification pages) ()

Return this form and required documents to:

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