

Fact Sheet for International Partners

Institutional Details	
Institution	UNIVERSIDADE DA BEIRA INTERIOR
Acronym	UBI
Erasmus Code	P COVILHA01
OID	E10188828
Website	https://www.ubi.pt
Website for incoming students	https://www.ubi.pt/en/ https://www.ubi.pt/en/page/erasmus
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Academic Community	<p>The University of Beira Interior (UBI) is today a reference institution at national and international level, in the fields of teaching, research, innovation and entrepreneurship. It positioned itself among the first 201-250 best Young University Rankings in 2022 as per Times Higher Education.</p> <p>UBI currently has more than 30 1st cycles/bachelor's degrees, about 45 2nd cycles/master's degrees, 29 3rd cycles doctorates and 31 post-doctorates distributed across five faculties: Faculty of Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Faculty of Arts and Letters and Faculty of Health Sciences.</p> <p>UBI has now more than 9000 students, 846 teachers and 288 employees.</p>

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<p>Mobility Coordinators</p>	<p>Please access their contacts by clicking on the respective cycle of studies: https://www.ubi.pt/en/courses#10 Ciclo https://www.ubi.pt/en/courses#20 Ciclo https://www.ubi.pt/en/courses#M Integrado</p>

Academic Information for Incoming Students

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<p>Academic Calendar 2026-2027</p>	<p>The academic year has two semesters. Please see the Academic Calendar attached to the factsheet.</p> <p>First semester: September to February Classes between 07/09/2026 till 18/12/2026 Period of normal season exams: 18/01/2027 till 22/01/2027 Period of appeal season exams: 01/02/2027 till 05/02/2027</p> <p>Second Semester: February to July Classes between 15/02/2027 till 03/06/2027 Period of normal season exams: 14/06/2027 till 18/06/2027 Period of appeal season exams: 28/06/2027 till 02/07/2027</p>
<p>Nomination Deadlines</p>	<p>Students and staff must be nominated by their Home Higher Education Institution (HEI) following the deadlines. The nominations must be sent by email and must contain the full name, gender, email, Interinstitutional Agreement <u>ISCED area</u>, Home HEI cycle of studies (or Office/Service pertaining if staff), cycle of studies intended (if students) and the period of the stay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 30th (mobilities during the 1st semester/full academic of the following year) • October 31st (mobilities during the 2nd semester of the following year)

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<p>Application Deadlines</p>	<p>Students and staff nominated must submit the documentation concerning their application (*please see application procedures below) until:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 31st (mobilities during the 1st semester/full academic of the following year) • November 30th (mobilities during the 2nd semester of the following year) <p>Note: we will not accept applications after these deadlines.</p>
<p>Application Procedures</p>	<p>*Incoming students from EU and associated countries (Erasmus+) please connect with Ms. Sofia Lemos at inter@ubi.pt and review the procedures below:</p> <p>Step 1 – Nomination sent by the home HEI IRO Step 2 – UBI will be sending the student who has been nominated an e-mail to apply online Step 3 - After the submission, please print the Learning Agreement and send it filled out by email to inter@ubi.pt Step 4 - For students who meet the required criteria, UBI's IRO will be sending an Acceptance Letter Step 5 - Once at UBI, students will be able to change their Learning Agreements until October 31st, if they are attending the 1st semester or until March 31st if they are attending the 2nd semester.</p> <p>Incoming students from Latin America (Institutional Cooperation), please connect with Ms. Sofia Lemos at inter@ubi.pt and review the procedures below:</p> <p>Step 1 – Nomination sent by email by the home HEI IRO Step 2 – UBI's IRO will send the application forms to the respective sending institution through email Step 3 - The participant's home HEI must send the Application form and Learning Agreement, including the following documents of the participant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One passport size picture; - The information page in the Passport/ID; - Health insurance card or PB4 - Declaration of means of subsistence at the destination country <p>Step 4 - Students who meet the required criteria will be receiving the Acceptance Letter from UBI's IRO. In the same email, participant's home HEI will be, as well, notified. Step 5 - Once at UBI, students will be able to change their Learning agreements until October 31st, if they are attending the 1st semester or until March 31st if they are attending the 2nd semester.</p> <p>Incoming students from Third countries not associated to the Programme (Erasmus+ ICM), please connect with Ms. Gina Barata at icm@ubi.pt and review the procedures below:</p> <p>Step 1 – Nomination sent by email by the home HEI IRO Step 2 – UBI will send the student that has been nominated an e-mail to apply online Step 3 - After the submission, student needs to print the Learning Agreement and send it, duly signed, by email to icm@ubi.pt Step 4 - For students who meet the required criteria, UBI's IRO will be emailing an Acceptance Letter Step 5 – Participant must contact the closest Portuguese Embassy to request a Visa to entry Portugal Step 6 - Once at UBI, students will be able to change their Learning Agreements until October 31st, if they are attending the 1st semester or until March 31st if they are attending the 2nd semester.</p> <p>Incoming students that are enrolled in other programs, please email the respective Program Officer using the contacts above.</p>

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<p>Building your Learning Agreement</p>	<p>While building your Learning Agreement please note that the maximum number of credits per full academic year is 60, and per semester 30 credits. 1 credit ECTS = 28 hours of work.</p> <p>To build your Learning Agreement please check here to review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curricular units taught in Portuguese Language with tutorial support in English • Curricular units entirely taught in English language (under the tab <i>International options</i>) <p>Please note that you can contact your Mobility Coordinator at UBI to better decide. Please check the contacts shared above. Note: the courses' catalogue for the following academic year is usually updated by the end of June.</p>
<p>Recognition of Credits</p>	<p>UBI commits to ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed by students using the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). The institutional grading system is based on a scale from "0" to "20". The grades range between "10" and "20".</p> <p>An ECTS grade of 19 or 20 is considered Excellent (outstanding performance with only minor errors), 14 to 16 is Good (generally sound work with a number of notable errors), 10 or 11 is Sufficient (performance meets the minimum criteria) and below 9 is Fail (considerable further work is required).</p> <p>At the end of the student's mobility, no later than 4 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the University of Beira Interior, UBI's IRO will be emailing the Transcript of Records to the student and Home HEI.</p> <p>Students on traineeships and staff will be receiving a Certificate in English for the activities completed.</p>
<p>Visa Requirements</p>	<p>Citizens who are not nationals of an European Union country and who wish to undertake study/traineeships mobility must obtain a visa from the Portuguese Consulate/Embassy.</p> <p>Please review general information about the nationalities that need a visa to enter Portugal or are exempt at the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomatic Portal and by connecting with the Portuguese consulate nearest to your area of residence.</p> <p>The visa application must be done well in advance. Visa issues demand some time. Check with the Embassy/Consulate closest to your area of residence for the necessary documents to obtain a visa.</p>
<p>Insurance Requirements</p>	<p>Students and staff shall have adequate insurance coverage. It's recommended to obtain insurance that covers trip cancellation, death and disability, civil responsibility, and medical expenses. A copy of the insurance policy must be sent to the Internationalization and Cooperation officer.</p> <p>Additional notes:</p> <p>Exchange students from Latin America must carry the documents which will allows them to access the Portuguese public health system (the PB4 form, for Brazil, for example).</p> <p>EU mobility students should obtain the European Health Insurance Card in their country. The European Health Insurance Card provides access to the Portuguese public health system.</p>

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Other Information	
Portuguese Language Course	The Department of Letters of the University of Beira Interior provides Courses of Portuguese as a Foreign Language (Beginner and Intermediate) directed to non-native speakers who want to learn the language in an immersion and authentic setting. The Fall course is taught during the first semester and the Spring course in the second semester. You can find more information here .
Other Languages courses	In addition to formal courses, the University of Beira Interior has available, through its Language Lab, courses of English, Spanish, French, Italian and German. Please access the prices and deadlines here .
Recommended Language Skills	<p>Students and Non-teaching Staff: B1 English or A2 Portuguese Teaching Staff and Researchers: B2 English (According to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - CEFR).</p> <p>In general, the classes will be taught in Portuguese. During all the academic year, the students will have tutorial classes in English. The full list of English taught classes is available here, under the tab International Options.</p>
Accommodation	The University of Beira Interior does not provide accommodation options for mobility students. Nonetheless, within the city of Covilhã, students can search options of private accommodation announced by real estate agencies operating in Covilhã, private developments or by researching social media groups dedicated to the dissemination of accommodation opportunities in the city.
Mentor ESN (Erasmus Student Network)	<p>The Erasmus Student Network is formed by volunteers whose primary purpose is to help exchange students into the academic and local communities.</p> <p>Before starting the mobility, students will be contacted by his/her/their mentor. More information about ESN Covilhã is available at http://www.esn-covilha.org/. ESN can also be reached through info@esn-covilha.org.</p>
Living in Covilhã	<p>Covilhã is a city located in inland Portugal and the cost of living is significantly lower than that of the bigger cities of the coastline, which is reflected in the prices of food and housing, for example.</p> <p>Because Covilhã, “the mountain-city”, is in the Serra da Estrela Mountain range, participants can enjoy Winter and Summer sports, hiking, climbing and other exciting activities.</p> <p>Safety is another factor that distinguishes the city. Covilhã is a small/medium-sized city that is growing around the University, creating an atmosphere of closeness.</p>
How to get to Covilhã	The main airports of mainland Portugal are located in the cities of Lisbon and Porto, both at about 250 km from Covilhã. The connection of these cities to Covilhã can be made by car, train or bus. Learn more

