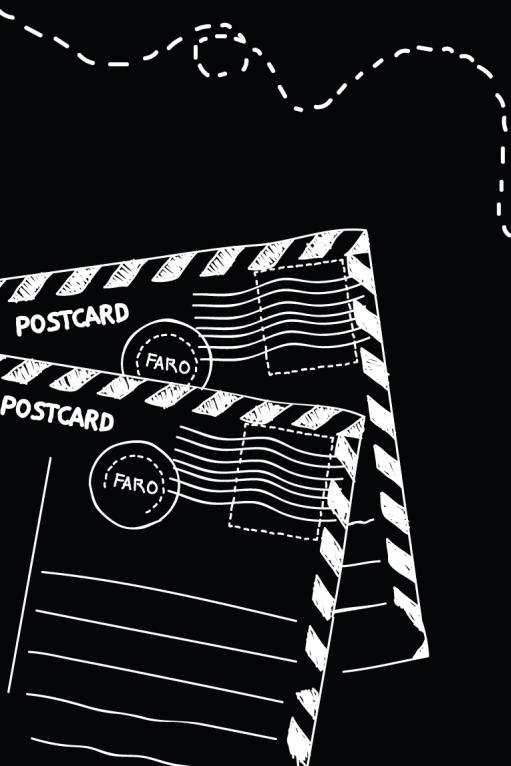


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STUDENT AND RESEARCHER'S GUIDE



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AAUAlg

Associação Académica da Universidade do Algarve |
Student's Union

AIMA

Agência para a Integração, Migrações e Asilo |
Agency for Migration, Integration and Asylum

BRASA

Núcleo de Estudantes Brasileiros da Associação Académica da Universidade do Algarve | Brazilian Students Affiliation of UAlg's Academic Association

FMCB

Faculdade de Medicina e Ciências Biomédicas |
Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

ESN

Erasmus Student Network

ESEC

Escola Superior de Educação e Comunicação |
School of Education and Communication

ESGHT

Escola Superior de Gestão, Hotelaria e Turismo |
School of Management, Hospitality and Tourism

ESSUAlg

Escola Superior de Saúde | School of Health

FCHS

Faculdade de Ciências Humanas e Sociais |
Faculty of Human and Social Sciences

FCT

Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia |
Faculty of Sciences and Technology

FE

Faculdade de Economia | Faculty of Economics

IRO

International Relations and Mobility Office

ISE

Instituto Superior de Engenharia | Institute of Engineering

RU

Restaurante Universitário | University Restaurant

SAS

Serviços de Acção Social | Health and Well-being Services

UAlg

Universidade do Algarve | University of Algarve

The University of Algarve has been a constant presence, since 2017, in the international rankings that evaluate Higher Education and Research.

Placing itself among the best universities in the world, UAlg has been evaluated, through the most diverse criteria, by rankings of excellence, which annually evaluate hundreds of Higher Education institutions. The quality of the most diverse areas was highlighted in several international rankings, but UAlg's international projection is one of the indicators that gathers the most consensus, being mentioned in the vast majority of rankings. So far, the University of Algarve has stood out in four rankings (Times Higher Education, Multirank, Shanghai Ranking's, and in the CWUR - World University Rankings), some of them for consecutive years, demonstrating that it is really good to "Study Where It's Good to Live".









WELCOME to UAig

On behalf of the entire International Relations and Mobility Office (IRO) staff, I am very pleased to welcome you to the University of Algarve (UAig). This may be your first visit to Portugal and specifically to Algarve and we are sure you have many questions. One of the aims of this guide is to answer some of those questions in order to ease your integration into the academic life.

The University of Algarve is proud to introduce itself as an open University, to foreign students, teaching staff and researchers – after all, Algarve is Our Campus!

UAig takes part in more than 200 bilateral agreement Erasmus+ inside Europe, and more than 200 general agreement around the world. We also participate in several projects under the Erasmus+ Programme.

This Student and Researcher's Guide was designed to provide you with general and useful information, and we recommend you a careful reading as it may answer your questions.

Please do not forget that we are always at your disposal to help you in your participation in our intensive academic and cultural life.

**Marleni Pereira de Azevedo
IRO Coordinator**

COURSE CATALOGUE

UNDERGRADUATE

- > AGRONOMY
- > BASIC EDUCATION
- > BIOCHEMISTRY
- > BIOENGINEERING
- > BIOLOGY
- > BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES
- > BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
- > BIOTECHNOLOGY
- > BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
- > CIVIL ENGINEERING
- > COMMUNICATION DESIGN
- > COMMUNICATION SCIENCES
- > CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL
- > DIETETICS AND NUTRITION
- > ECONOMICS
- > EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES AND TRAINING
- > ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
- > HOTEL MANAGEMENT
- > INFORMATICS
- > LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- > LANGUAGES AND INTERCULTURAL
COMMUNICATION
- > LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES
- > MANAGEMENT
- > MANAGEMENT – EVENING CLASSES
- > MANAGEMENT – EVENING CLASSES –
PORTIMÃO
- > MANAGEMENT – PORTIMÃO
- > MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT
- > MARINE BIOLOGY

- > MARKETING
- > MATHEMATICS APPLIED TO ECONOMICS AND
MANAGEMENT
- > MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
- > MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIOTHERAPY
- > MOVING IMAGE
- > NURSING
- > PHARMACY
- > PHYSIOTHERAPY
- > PSYCHOLOGY
- > SOCIAL EDUCATIONS
- > SOCIOLOGY
- > SPORTS
- > SYSTEMS ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER
TECHNOLOGIES
- > TOURISM
- > TOURISM – PORTIMÃO
- > VISUAL ARTS

MASTERS

- > ACCOUNTING
- > APPLIED ECOHYDROLOGY – ERASMUS
MUNDUS
- > AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES
- > ARCHAEOLOGY
- > BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
- > BIOTECHNOLOGY
- > BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- > CHEMICAL INNOVATION AND REGULATION –
ERASMUS MUNDUS
- > CIVIL ENGINEERING
- > CLINICAL AND HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
- > COASTAL HAZARDS – RISKS, CLIMATE
CHANGE IMPACTS AND ADAPTION
- > COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE AND
NEUROPHYSIOLOGY
- > COMMUNICATION DESIGN FOR TOURISM AND
CULTURE
- > COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL MEDIA
- > EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
- > EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES
- > ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING
- > FINANCE
- > FOOD TECHNOLOGY
- > HEALTH CARE SERVICES MANAGEMENT
- > HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGES
- > HORTICULTURE
- > HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT AND
ADMINISTRATION
- > HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- > INFORMATICS ENGINEERING
- > ISLAMIC AND MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN HISTORY
- > LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- > LANGUAGE SCIENCES
- > MANAGEMENT
- > MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION IN HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGIES
- > MANAGEMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION
- > MARINE AND COASTAL SYSTEMS
- > MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES – ERASMUS MUNDUS
- > MARINE BIOLOGY
- > MARKETING MANAGEMENT
- > MECHANICAL ENGINEERING – ENERGY, AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION
- > MOLECULAR AND MICROBIAL BIOLOGY
- > OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
- > ONCOBIOLOGY – MOLECULAR MECHANISMS IN CANCER
- > PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION
- > RECREATION SPORTS
- > SME MANAGEMENT – PORTIMÃO
- > SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY
- > SOCIAL WORK AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
- > SOCIOLOGY
- > SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF RURAL

- AREAS
- > TAX MANAGEMENT
 - > TEACHING IN THE FIRST CYCLE OF BASIC EDUCATION AND OF MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCES IN THE SECOND CYCLE OF BASIC EDUCATION
 - > TEACHING IN THE FIRST CYCLE OF BASIC EDUCATION AND OF PORTUGUESE, AND HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY OF PORTUGAL IN THE SECOND CYCLE OF BASIC EDUCATION
 - > TEACHING OF ENGLISH IN THE FIRST CYCLE OF BASIC EDUCATION
 - > TEACHING OF PORTUGUESE AND ENGLISH IN THE SECOND CYCLE OF BASIC EDUCATION
 - > TOURISM
 - > TOURISM ECONOMICS AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
 - > TOURISM ORGANIZATIONS MANAGEMENT
 - > URBAN WATER CYCLE

INTEGRATED MASTERS

- > MEDICINE
- > PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

DOCTORATES

- > AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- > ARCHAEOLOGY
- > BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
- > BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
- > BIOTECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCES
- > CANCER (INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME)
- > CHEMISTRY
- > CLINICAL RESEARCH AND TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE
- > DIGITAL MEDIA- ARTS
- > ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
- > ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
- > HERITAGE STUDIES
- > INFORMATICS ENGINEERING
- > LANGUAGE SCIENCES
- > MARINE, EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
- > MATHEMATICS
- > PSYCHOLOGY
- > QUANTITATIVE METHODS APPLIED TO ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT
- > SOCIOLOGY
- > TOURISM

FACTS AND FIGURES

1979

CREATION
OF UALG

1412

STAFF

9

UNIVERSITY
RESIDENCES

20

PhD
PROGRAMMES

+10K

STUDENTS

+2000

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

+90

Different
nationalities

40

BACHELOR
COURSES

3

CAMPI

8

FACULTIES

700

INSTITUTIONAL
AGREEMENTS

57

MASTER
COURSES

4

COLLABORATIVE
LABORATORIES

+400

RESEARCH
PROJECTS

8

RESEARCH
CENTERS

+35

ERASMUS
PROJECTS

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2024/2025

1st SEMESTER

Beginning of classes for CTeSP, Undergraduate and Master Courses	09/09/2024
End of classes	21/12/2024
Exam period for 1 semester curricular units (normal and appealing period)	06/01/2025 to 01/02/2025
End of semester	01/02/2025

2nd SEMESTER

Beginning of classes for CTeSP, Undergraduate and Master Courses	03/02/2025
End of classes	28/05/2025
Finalist Special Season	11/07/2025 to 22/07/2025
Exam period for 2 semester curricular units (normal and appealing period)	02/06/2025 to 28/06/2025

BREAKS

Christmas break	23/12/2024 to 03/01/2025
Carnival break	03/03/2025 to 04/03/2025
Easter break	14/04/2025 to 17/04/2025

ACADEMIC EVENTS

Academic parade	17/09/2024
Academic Week Semana Académica (Student festival) - (pending of the safe conditions)	05/05/2025 to 09/05/2025

GRADING SYSTEM

Grading System:

Values from 1 to 20.
Fail: 1 to 9 / Approval: 10 to 20

Grading systems of the institutions

P FAR002 – Description of the Institution's grading system. The result achieved in a course unit whether through continuous assessment or in an examination, is generally expressed in a 0 to 20 grading scale. The lowest passing grade is 10.

ECTS credits:

1 full academic year = 60 credits
1 semester = 30 credits
1 trimester = 20 credits

ECTS grading scale and definition:

A – EXCELLENT

Outstanding performance with only minor errors

B – VERY GOOD

Above the average standard but with some errors

C – GOOD

Generally sound work with a number of errors

D – SATISFACTORY

Fair but with significant shortcomings

E – SUFFICIENT

Performance meets the minimum criteria

FX – FAIL

Some work required before the criteria can be awarded

F – FAIL

Considerable further work is required

MOBILITY COORDINATORS INCOMING

Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences	Natércia Conceição Pedro Castelo-Branco	mobfmcb@ualg.pt	Building 7 – Gambelas campus
School of Education and Communication	Rosana Durão	rosfer@ualg.pt	Penha campus
School of Management, Hospitality and Tourism	Kate Torkington	ktorking@ualg.pt	Penha campus
School of Health	Luís Ribeiro	subdiretoressualg@ualg.pt	Building 1 – Gambelas campus
Institute of Engineering	Conceição Ribeiro	cristina.ribeiro@ualg.pt	Building 4 – Penha campus
Faculty of Human and Social Sciences	Neuza Costa Ana Susana Almeida	ncosta@ualg.pt asalmeida@ualg.pt	Building 1 – Gambelas campus
Faculty of Sciences and Technology	Mobility Commission	mobfct@ualg.pt	Building 7 – Gambelas campus
Faculty of Economics	Sílvia Fernandes	sfernand@ualg.pt	Building 8 – Gambelas campus

ERASMUS MUNDUS

Erasmus Mundus courses are joint programmes created and implemented by Consortia of European Universities, of exceptional academic quality, selected by the European Commission as examples of excellence in European Higher Education. The Master's programmes started in 2004, as an integral part of the Erasmus Mundus Programme, with the aim of enhancing the quality of European higher education and promoting dialogue and understanding between peoples and cultures through cooperation with third countries. Currently, the Erasmus Mundus joint master's programmes are part of the Erasmus + Programme (Action 1).

The University of Algarve was the first Portuguese university to coordinate an Erasmus Mundus Masters consortium, the Joint European Masters in Water and Coastal Management (European Joint Masters in Water and Coastal Management).

In the first 16 years of the joint Erasmus Mundus master's degrees, the University of Algarve coordinated 4 of the 12 Erasmus Mundus master's degrees in which it participated and also integrated 2 Erasmus Mundus doctoral programmes.

For more informations:

<https://www.ualg.pt/en/erasmus-mundus>

UALG EXPERIENCE OF ERASMUS MUNDUS COURSES

- **EJMWCM:** European Joint Masters in Water and Coastal Management (coordinated by UAlg)
- **EMQAL:** Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Quality in Analytical Laboratories (coordinated by UAlg)
- **EMBC:** Erasmus Mundus Master Course in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation
- **LNP – HLT:** International Masters in Natural Language Processing and Human Language Technology
- **ECOHYD:** Erasmus Mundus Master Course in Ecohydrology (coordinated by UAlg)
- **ChIR:** Erasmus Mundus master Course in Chemical Innovation and Regulation (coordinated by UAlg)
- **EMQAL2:** Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Quality in Analytical Laboratories 2
- **IMBRSea:** International Master of Science in Marine Biological Resources
- **EMQAL3:** Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Quality in Analytical Laboratories 3
- **MARES:** Doctoral Programme on Marine Ecosystem Health and Conservation
- **MACOMA:** Erasmus Mundus PhD in Marine and Coastal Management.
- **NURSING:** Erasmus Mundus Masters Course in Emergency and Critical Care Nursing

- **NURSING2:** Erasmus Mundus Masters Course in Emergency and Critical Care Nursing 2
- **WACOMA:** Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree Water and Coastal Management

ERASMUS MUNDUS COURSES OFFER AT UALG

- **ChiR:** Erasmus Mundus MSc in Chemical Innovation and Regulation (new 2020)

<https://www.ualg.pt/en/curso/1708>

<https://www.emmcchir.org/>

- **MAEH:** Master in Applied Ecohydrology (new 2020)

<https://www.ualg.pt/en/curso/1931>

<https://maeh-mundus.eu/>

- **IMBRSea:** International Master of Science in Marine Biological Resources (new 2020)

<https://www.ualg.pt/en/curso/18364>

<https://www.imbrsea.eu/>

- **EMQAL3:** Erasmus Mundus Master Programme in Quality in Analytical Laboratories 3

<https://www.ualg.pt/en/curso/1473>

<http://www.emqal.org/>

- **COASTHazar:** Risks, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation (new 2022)

<https://www.ualg.pt/en/curso/1939>

<https://www.coasthazar.eu/>





RESEARCH

The University of Algarve clearly follows a path of growing assertion at national and international level. Due to increased globalisation, its laboratories are open to the world, recruiting the very best young researchers across the various research areas of excellence that come to the University of Algarve for their postgraduate studies and for research. Therefore, the University of Algarve contributes every year with a large number of scientific results in a variety of fields ranging from Social Sciences to Technology, across basic sciences, Engineering and Medicine. From one area to the other, from one discovery to the other, the University of Algarve builds on its teaching and research excellence.

Research at the University of Algarve is carried out in dynamic and prominent research centres, which produce innovation and benefit enhancing research and development in different fields such as Marine Sciences, Biology, Tourism and Biomedicine, Electronics and Telecommunications, Literature, History, Communications, and Arts.

**For more information about RESEARCH HUBS or
MANAGEMENT UNITS**

www.ualg.pt/en/research-units

RESEARCH CENTRES

Center of Marine Sciences	Adelino Canário	ccmar@ualg.pt	Marine Sciences
Center of Electronics, Optoelectronics and Telecommunications	Rui Guerra	ceot@ualg.pt	Electronic and computer Engineering
Arts and Communication Research Center	Mirian Tavares	ciac@ualg.pt	Arts, Communication and Humanities
ABC-RI Algarve Biomedical Center Research Institute	Clévio Nóbrega	abcri@abcmedicalg.pt	Health Sciences
Adult Education and Community Intervention Research Center	António Fragoso	cead@ualg.pt	Social Sciences – Education Management, sociology and Psychology
Center for Research in Tourism, Sustainability and Well-being	Patrícia Pinto	cinturs@ualg.pt	Geography, Economics, Management, sociology and Psychology
Marine and Environmental Research Centre	Sara Raposo	cima@ualg.pt	Marine Sciences
Interdisciplinary Center for Archeology and Evolution of Human Behavior	João Cascalheira	icarehb@ualg.pt	History



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

In 2004, in cooperation with two business associations – National Association of Young Entrepreneurs (ANJE) and Algarve Business Association (NERA) and the Regional Coordination and Development Agency of the Algarve (CCDR Algarve), and towards an active participation in the called third mission, the University of Algarve structured a platform dedicated to bridge the gap between academy and industry. This platform, named Regional Centre for the Innovation of Algarve – **CRIA**, was born from a European call (*Innovalgarve* program), aiming to foster innovation and knowledge transfer based upon the concept of the triple helix model, therefore aggregating a public University (UAlg), Public Government (CCDR Algarve) and Industry (the two business associations representing the Algarve private ecosystem).

Under this strategy, the University of Algarve established an incubation area inside the Gambelas campus. The purpose was to support researchers, students and any young entrepreneur with a knowledge based business idea, fostering the connection with research centres and facilities, and benefiting from the technical support of CRIA.

The incubation model of the University of Algarve aims to excel by the connection to its knowledge centres, by the laboratory and office space available, and particularly by the consulting support it offers, enhancing the value of the knowledge produced and its connection to smart specialization strategy. Anyone interested in accessing the

facilities must start by contacting CRIA, responsible for the incubation management.

UALG TEC START is currently a member of the national incubator network, accredited for incubation valley measures, ignition partner at Portugal Ventures and a representative of UALG at TECPARQUES. The incubator's has also mentored StartUp Voucher projects.

Assuring the role of the UALG TEC START incubator in the regional innovation ecosystem, and the relevance of a knowledge based incubator, it's important to reinforce the existence of a regional strategy towards growth and innovation. Moreover, it's important to assure the relevance of the incubator as a launching step to the accelerator (UALG TEC CAMPUS) being stabilised by the University of Algarve, aiming to be a focus of attraction for regional, national and International companies. Aligned with the Regional Development Strategy of the Algarve (RIS3), and with the objectives proposed by the Managing Authority (CCDR Algarve), UALG TEC CAMPUS seeks to attract a significant number of innovative companies with research and development strategy, willing to develop privileged relationship with the University, aiming to grow their business, particularly to external markets.

Acting as a centre for valuing and transferring knowledge and as science and technology park, UALG TEC CAMPUS seeks to aggregate skills and competences, focusing on consolidated and emerging sectors with regional impact, such as ICT, Electronics, Health and Well-being, and Energy, all areas supported by the space sector

BUSINESS INTERACTIONS

COLAB– Collaborative Laboratory Research & Industry

Research agenda defined by the business sector in the Collaborative Laboratories that UAlg host or participate in four collaborative Laboratories (CoLABS):

GreenCoLAB

Green Ocean Technologies and Products
Coordinator Adelino Canario:
<https://www.greencolab.com>

S2AQUA

Colab Sustainable and Smart Aquaculture
Coordinator Pedro Pousão
<https://www.s2aquacolab.pt>

KIPt CoLAB

Knowledge to Innovate Professions in Tourism–
Coordinator Antónia Correia
<https://kippt.pt>

ABC-CoLAB

Active ageing
Coordinator Clevio Nobrega
<https://algarvebiomedicalcenter.pt>



COTUTELLE AGREEMENTS

UAlg doctorate programmes allow Specific Doctoral Agreement for studies under the international joint-supervision regime (cotutelle agreements).

Joint supervision is the regime under which a doctoral student can simultaneously obtain a doctoral degree from two or more higher education institutions offering doctoral programmes, either with or without taught components, as long as the participating institutions recognise said programmes as being congeneric. This makes it possible to obtain double or multiple doctoral diplomas. This aims to stimulate and promote scientific cooperation and doctoral student mobility. The particular agreement specifies the joint-supervision framework for the programme to be undertaken by the doctoral student.

The doctoral student shall spend a period of time working at each of the institutions where the doctoral programme is taking place, under the responsibility of the respective supervisors.

At the University of Algarve, the doctoral student must spend at least one year at the university, of which a minimum of six months must be spent in actual attendance. The remaining six months may be spent under a system of supervised distance learning.

Whether or not doctoral students decide to spend part of the work period on the basis of supervised distance learning, they are required, prior to the defense of their thesis, to demonstrate the production of at least one joint publication, with affiliation to the University of Algarve, in a scientific journal or conference minutes, certified by an opinion issued by the supervisor from the University of Algarve.

Without prejudice to the provisions above on paragraph two, the doctoral student and supervisors must liaise with each other in respect of the way in which the time spent working at each institution will be divided up, taking into account the specific research requirements and the circumstances of the doctoral studies.

For more information please see:

www.ualg.pt/en/doctorates-cotutelle



SEA-EU 2.0 ONE FOR ALL

The SEA-EU Alliance, established in 2019, responded to the ambition of the European Commission for the creation of European Universities as a vector for a Europe of knowledge, innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainability. SEA-EU, in its first phase, integrated 6 HEIs: The University of Cadiz (Spain), the University of Western Brittany (France), the University of Kiel (Germany), the University of Gdansk (Poland), the University of Split (Croatia) and the University of Malta (Malta).

More info here:

<https://sea-eu.org>

<https://www.ualg.pt/en/european-university-seas>

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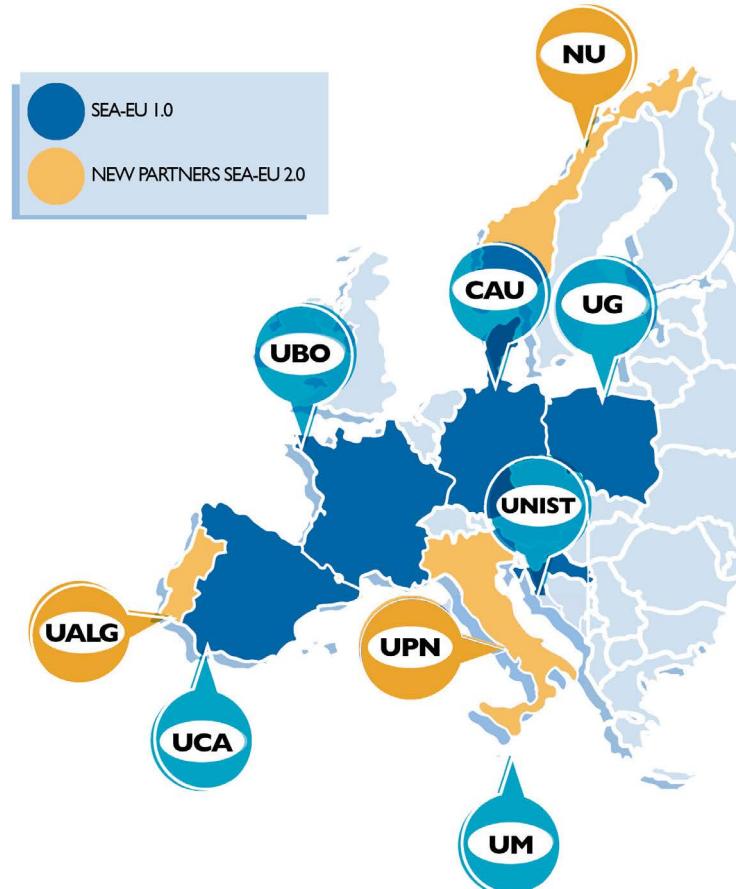
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF THE SEAS



THE EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY OF THE SEAS (SEA-EU)

In January 2023, SEA-EU became a consortium of 9 coastal universities, with the designation SEA-EU 2.0, linked to marine and maritime activities, by tradition/lifestyle, or by the innovation they co-produce in the regions. Besides the 6 pioneering HEIS, it includes the University of Algarve, the Parthenope Naples University (Italy) and the Nord University (Norway).

UAlg's presence at SEA-EU 2.0 will have a key role in UAlg's internationalization strategy, directly impacting its main activities of Teaching, Research, Academic Life, Community Relations within and outside Europe, and Communication strategy. Within the scope of the approved project that supports SEA-EU 2.0 (Call ERASMUS-EDU-2022-EUR-UNIV), there is financial coverage for student and staff mobility within the alliance.



RANKINGS

With 43 years of existence, appears for the seventh time in the Times Higher Education (THE) – World University Rankings, which analyzes the performance of higher education institutions created 50 years or less ago, standing out in the indicator that evaluates the international projection.

It is on the list of the best in the world in the Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2022, standing out again in the area of Hospitality & Tourism Management, ranking 76–100, followed by Oceanography, ranking 151–200. In this recently published edition, UAlg remained in the Top 100 of the Shanghai Ranking in the area of Hospitality & Tourism Management, which selected the 300 best institutions worldwide.

It also integrates the Times Higher Education (THE), and, according to the results provided, in the 2024 edition of the World University Rankings, the University of Algarve once again obtained the highest score in the indicator that evaluates international projection, among the 15 participating Portuguese Higher Education Institutions.

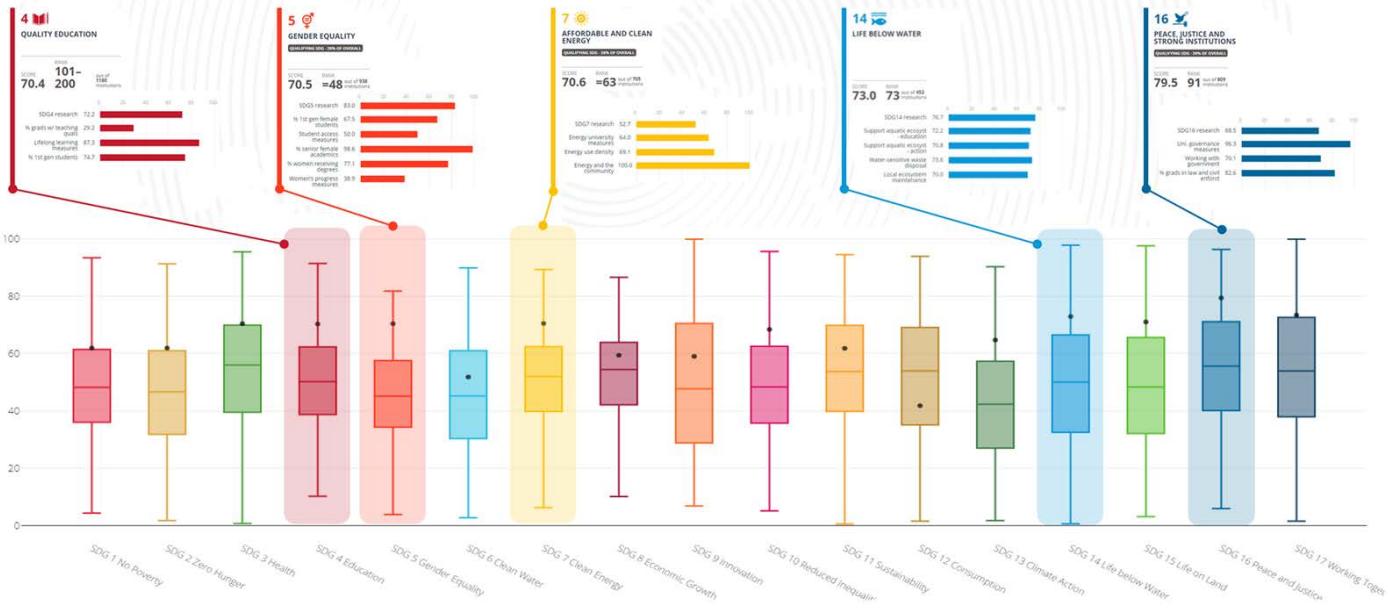
UAlg is part of this world university ranking for the seventh

consecutive year, in an edition that included 1904 institutions (from 108 countries), 105 more than the previous year, and is currently between positions 801 and 1000.

This ranking considers that the strongest point of the Algarve Academy continues to be its international projection, placing it 457th out of 1904 institutions evaluated from 108 countries.

For more information:

<https://www.ualg.pt/en/ualg-rankings>





THE UNIVERSITY

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The University of Algarve (UAlg), as it stands today, arose from the union of two pre-existing institutions: UAlg, established under national legislation (law 11/79), and the Polytechnic Institute of Faro (established under law 513-T/79). The University of Algarve is somehow unique, as Faculties and Schools of both the university and the polytechnic co-exist. In 1982, the first UAlg rector, Prof. Gomes Guerreiro (1982-1986) was appointed and Prof. Paulo Águas the current rector since December 2017.

UAlg started its academic activities in 1983 offering at the time three degrees: Hortifruticulture, Marine Biology and Fisheries, and Business Administration. Following the approval of the Autonomy Law of Universities and given the need for a higher institution in the Algarve with the critical dimension necessary for the country and regional development, the Statutes of the UAlg were drawn up. Through the decree-law 373/88 and the Basic Law on Education, which opened up opportunities for greater articulation between the two subsystems – University and Polytechnic, the government called for a conjunctive management of the two institutions.

UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE:

The governing Bodies are:

- > General Board
- > Rector
- > Management Board
- > Academic Senate

The governing bodies are responsible for the management of several of the University's affairs.

CAMPUS LIFE

CAMPUS

The University has three *campi*:

- › Penha campus
- › Gambelas campus
- › Portimão campus

Penha campus is situated in the centre of the city of Faro. There are three Schools:

- › **School of Education and Communication** (*Escola Superior de Educação e Comunicação – ESEC*);
- › **School of Management, Hospitality and Tourism** (*Escola Superior de Gestão, Hotelaria e Turismo – ESGHT*);
- › **Institute of Engineering** (*Instituto Superior de Engenharia – ISE*).

Gambelas campus is situated 6 km from Faro and 2 km from Faro International Airport. There are four Faculties and one School.

- › **Faculty of Economics** (*Faculdade de Economia – FE*);
- › **Faculty of Human and Social Sciences** (*Faculdade de Ciências Humanas e Sociais – FCHS*);
- › **Faculty of Sciences and Technology** (*Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia – FCT*);
- › **Health School** (*Escola Superior de Saúde – ESS*);
- › **Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences**
(*Faculdade de Medicina e Ciências Biomédicas – FMCB*)

Portimão campus is located, in the city of Portimão, near the train station square. Portimão is the second largest city in the Algarve and the campus developed out of the need for decentralisation.

LEARNING SUPPORT FACILITIES

The teaching and research labs at the UAlg, all equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, are important resources for academic and experimentation activities. All of the *campi* offer specific classrooms, computer and multimedia labs, auditoriums, study and meeting rooms and wireless internet access.

LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE

The UAlg has 2 documental units, one in each *campus*. These units acquire, handle, organise and provide bibliographic and documentary resources in several different formats in order to meet the demands of educational, scientific and research activity of the University and of the community. To better respond to these demands, the libraries are distributed throughout the University, allowing online library catalogue access (database of available resources).

Visit: www.ualg.pt/en/library

CONTACTS AND OPENING HOURS:

Penha Library

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday - 9h00 - 22h00

Saturday - 9h00 - 13h00

Phone: 289 800 159

Email: biblioteca@ualg.pt

Gambelas Library

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday - 8h30 - 20h00

Saturday - 10h00 - 16h00

Phone: 289 800 906

Email: biblioteca@ualg.pt

Portimão Library

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9h00 > 12h30 / 14h00 > 22h00

Phone: 289 800 965

Email: bibportimao@ualg.pt

Note: Opening hours are subject to change during Christmas and summer holidays. Please check any changes.

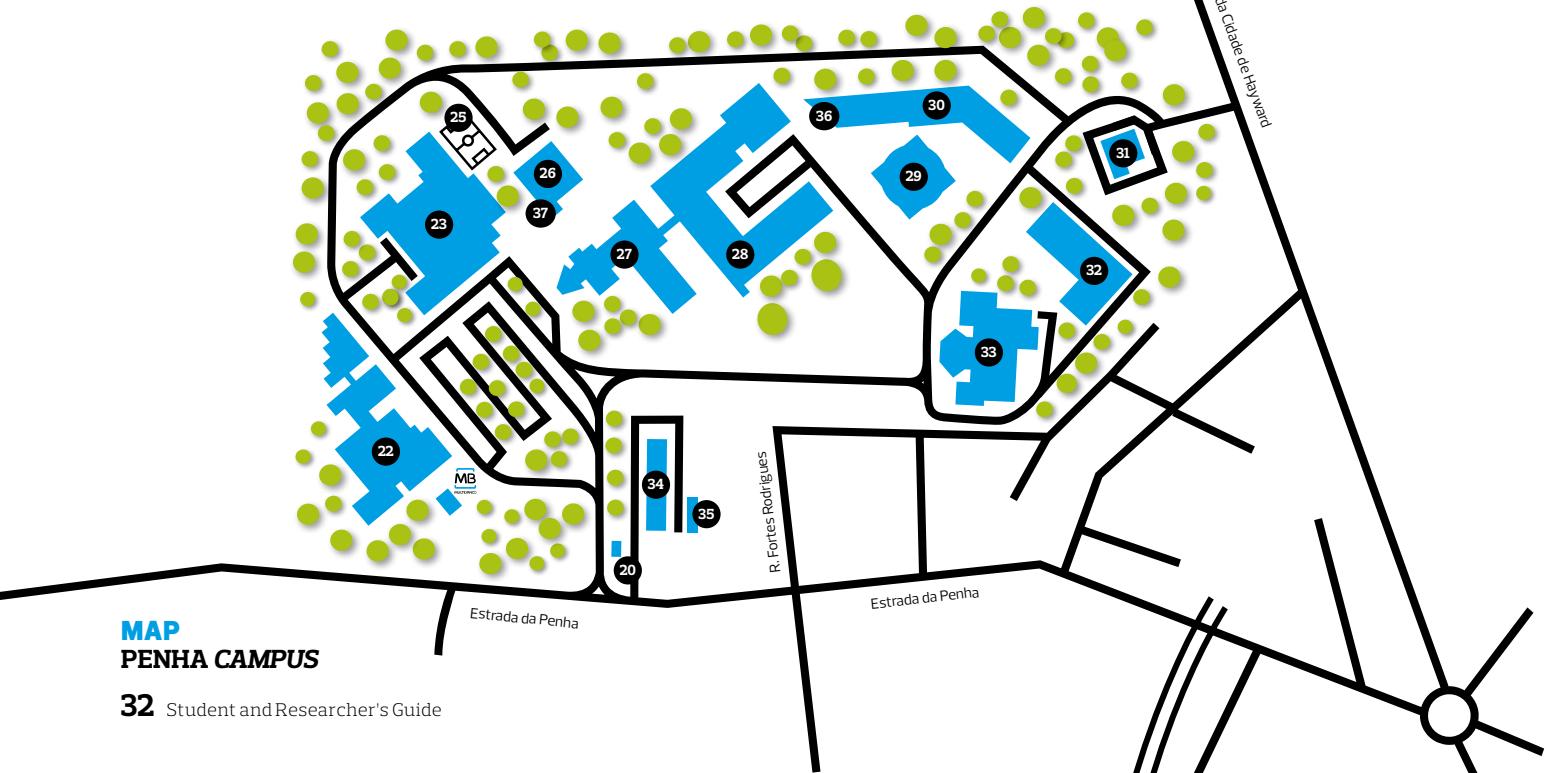
ONLINE KNOWLEDGE LIBRARY (B-ON)

Besides the resources made available in each of the libraries, the University offers b-on (online knowledge library) access. B-on access is available on all University network computers (recognition and access control performed through IP protocol). Users can access b-on through the University library website or through the official b-on site (www.ualg.pt/en/online-resources). Users have free access to full-text articles of main international journal publications. B-on allows online access to more than 22,000 electronic publications, breaking the barrier which in the past made accessing reference resources difficult. Besides gaining access to full-length articles, other resources such as bibliographic references, catalogues, indexes, citation tools and other portals are available.

- 20 > Main entrance
- 22 > School of Management, Hospitality and Tourism
> Student Union
- 23 > School of Education and Communication
- 25 > Sports field
- 26 > Canteen
> Social Services
- 27 > Institute of Engineering
> Student Desk / Academic Services

- 28 > Institute of Engineering
- 29 > Amphitheaters & Auditoriums
- 30 > Library
> Administration
> Central Services
- 31 > "Rector's House"
- 32 > Institute of Engineering

- 33 > Technical services
- 34 > University Residence
- 35 > EcoBike Assistance
- 36 > Tech Hub
- 37 > 24 hour study room



- 1** > Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
 > School of Health
 > IT Department
 > Psychology Service
 > Amphitheater Teresa Júdice Gamito

- 2** > Faculty of Science and Technology
 > Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
 > Centre for Biomedical Research
 > Support Unit
 > Communications and Protocol Office

- 3** > Main Entrance / AAUAlg copy centre

- 4** > Main Teaching Building
 > Grand Auditorium

- 5** > Rectory
 > Library
 > Student Desk/IRO

- 6** > University Restaurant
 > Canteen

- 7** > Faculty of Sciences and Technology
 > Centre of Marine Sciences
 > Centre For Marine and Environmental Research

- 8** > Faculty of Sciences and Technology
 > Faculty of Economics
 > Centre of Electronics, Optoelectronics and Telecommunications
 > Research Centre for Tourism Sustainability and Well Being
 > Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development
 > Green and Red Auditoriums

- 9** > Experimental Laboratory of Aquatic Organisms

- 10** > Experimental Garden Building

- 11** > Research Centre in Arts and Communication

- 12** > North Entrance

- 13** > CRIA – Division of Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer

- 14** > Hearing and Speech Therapy Laboratory

- 15** > Reprographics Centre

- 16** > National Association of Portuguese University Employees

- 17** > Sports field
 > WC / clothing

- 18** > Interdisciplinary Centre for Archaeology and Evolution of Human Behaviour



UALG HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SERVICES (SAS)

REFECTORIES & CAFE BARS

UAAlg Health and Well-being Services (SAS) catering sector, provides diverse refectories located in the several *campi*. There are three on-*campi* refectories: at Penha *campus* – Administration Building; at Gambelas *campus* – Main Refectory Building and at the Health School, 2 grill restaurants at Penha and Gambelas *campi*, 7 bars, and 1 University Restaurant (RU) in Gambelas *campus*. Prices in all catering facilities are subsidised for the academic community.

Thousands of meals are prepared daily in the SAS refectories and restaurants with guaranteed quality and diversity. The menus include a meat dish, a fish dish, a vegetarian dish and, in some cases, a diet dish supervised by a nutritionist. A full meal includes: soup, main course, bread, dessert (sweet or fruit) and beverage (water, milk or juice – dispenser machine).

The two largest refectories are located in Penha *campus* with 522 seats, and Gambelas *campus*, with 618 seats. At the SAS bars, the academic community can have light meals or drink a coffee in between classes.

The catering sector also supports several initiatives and events carried out at UAAlg throughout the year.

TIMETABLES

> Refectories and Restaurants

Monday to Friday: **Lunch and dinner**.

Saturday: **Lunch only, in Penha campus**

Meal services are open from **11h45 to 14h30**, for lunch, and from **18h15 to 20h15**, for dinner.

In Gambelas *campus* meals can be served on weekends whenever found necessary by the event management teams.

> Cafeterias

Monday to Friday, from **8h30 to 17h30** and till **22H00** in the **ESGHT Cafeteria (Penha campus)** and the **Cafeteria in Portimão campus**.

UNIVERSITY DORMS

UAAlg Health and Welfare Services (SAS) provide 9 university dorms, with 558 beds for undergraduate and master's students. Priority is given to students with social grants and regular students may benefit from remainder vacancies. The university dorms are located in Faro, Gambelas and Portimão and are arranged in apartments and residential buildings. The university dorms are located near the *campi* and were laid out to provide students with the convenience and well-being necessary. Bedrooms are equipped with bed linen and towels.

There are kitchen appliances, a living and study room, TV and internet access. In addition, SAS has personnel in charge of maintenance and cleaning of common areas, bed linen and towels. All residences have washing machines to use for free.

Dorms for Undergraduate and Master's Students

- > Female Dorm Penha campus
- > Male Dorm Rua de Berlim
- > Female Dorm Albacor
- > Female Dorm Ferragial
- > Male Dorm Ferragial
- > Female Dorm Oásis
- > Male Dorm Montebranco (Lote O)
- > Mix Dorm Montebranco (Lote E)
- > Mix Dorm Portimão *campus*

Dorms to Scholars and Researchers

- > Dorm Avenida 5 de Outubro I
- > Dorm Avenida 5 de Outubro II
- > Dorm Edifício Rotunda
- > Dorm Fundação da UALG
- > Dorm Montebranco Lote O
- > Dorm Solar do Alto

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SERVICES

When your registration at the University is complete, you will be able to use the Student Support and Welfare Services (SAS) that offers healthcare in areas of psychology and nutrition counselling with a cost of 1€.

The University maintains contractual agreements in areas of dental care, and other areas.

There are also different type of tests in ways to promote the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and participate in a European project on drug dependence. This service is also a partner in a transnational observatory on drug prevention in higher institutions with an online information clinic offering advice and support on drugs and treatment.

More info in:

www.ualg.pt/en/health-and-well-being

UALG HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SERVICES (SAS)

Students can book an appointment at SAS Health Services for different specialities according to the following timetable:

> Clinical Psychology and Psycho-pedagogical counselling

Dr. Jorge Andrez Malveiro and Dr.^a Cátia Anacleto Tavares

Appointments:

Monday to Friday – 10h00 to 12h00 / 14h00 to 17h00

Email: sasgp@ualg.pt

> Medical Appointment

Consultation bookings can be done by phone:

(+351) 289 826 347, from 14h00 to 17h00, or directly in the SAS Medical Services, located in the building of the University Dorm of Ferragial, in Faro, or you can contact our team and we'll make the appointment on your behalf.

Contacts:

Serviços de Saúde dos Serviços de Ação

Social da Universidade do Algarve

Address: Rua D. Teresa Ramalho Ortigão,

Lote 17, n^º 83, 8000 – Faro

Phone: (+351) 289826347

Email: sassaude@ualg.pt

> Facilities for Students with Special Needs

The University has an Office to support students with disabilities and special needs. Students in this condition shall inform the International Relations and Mobility Office (IRO) of any special requirements so that arrangements are made regarding their accommodation.

Contacts:

Email: gaenee@ualg.pt

> Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy is a meeting and sharing space open to all to: Celebration of significant events and dates for the academic community and its members; Action and social solidarity; Personalised service and emotional support.

Chaplain:

António de Freitas

Contacts:

Email: capelaniadaualg@ualg.pt



CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES



STUDENT'S UNION

The **Student Union of the UAlg** (*Associação Académica da Universidade do Algarve – AAUALG*) is a representative body of all the students belonging to the institution and was founded in 1997.

The importance of sports and the physical balance and psychological well-being of university students is a concern of the Student Union. For this reason, sports activities are under the auspices of the Student Union in close collaboration with the University and the Student Support and Welfare Services.

The Students Union Sports Department promotes all kinds of sports activities with very low prices for students. You can choose from *Salsa* to *Hip-hop*, from *Tai Chi* and *Yoga* to *Bujinkan*, from Basketball to Football.

The Sports Department of the Student Union also organises water sports activities such as canoeing, windsurfing and sailing free of charge at the Nautical Sports Centre at Faro Island (*Centro Náutico da Ilha de Faro*).



Competitive sports include handball, women's futsal, women and men's volleyball and men's rugby. Federated teams (district championships) are active in men and women's basketball, men's futsal and men's football 11.

The Student Union also organises several important and well-known events, such as:

- > The **Semana Académica** (Student Academic Week) in May with a broad programme;
- > The **Sports Exchange Programme**, with national and international teams;
- > The Academic University Sports Federation **tournaments**, such as the Open Tennis, Volleyball and Beach Rugby tournaments; the Non-Federated National University Championships;
- > The University Student Union **Mini-Half-Marathon**.

More information available at: www.instagram.com/aaualg/



TUNAS (TRADITIONAL UNIVERSITY MUSICAL GROUPS)

Tunas are a special music group of students, usually from Universities. They dress up in a traditional costume that represents their University. The University of Algarve has the following groups:

- > *Versus Tuna* - The UAlg's Academic *Tuna*
- > *Feminis Ferventis* - The University of Algarve Women's *Tuna*
- > *Real Tuna Infantina* - The University of Algarve's Co-ed *Tuna*
- > *Tuna Bebes* - The Portimão campus Co-ed *Tuna*
- > *Enfartuna* - Nursing *Tuna*

THE UNIVERSITY THEATRE GROUP

The *Sin-Cera* University Theatre Group has been running for about 16 years, having performed several plays, directed workshops and organised theatre courses. For over a decade, the theatre group has promoted a culture at the heart of the University and region.

Contacts:

Email: teatrosincera23@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/teatro.sincera.ualg

Instagram: www.facebook.com/teatro.sincera.ualg



RUA – THE UNIVERSITY RADIO OF ALGARVE

The University Radio of Algarve (RUA FM), based at *Horta do Ferragial*, was the result of a partnership between the Student Union and the Rectorate. It commenced broadcast operations on FM102.7 in July 2003. Through original and creative programming, it aims to target not only the public university but also the whole of the Algarve community. The **RUA** website, available at www.rua.pt broadcasts the University Radio of Algarve all over the country and worldwide.

Contacts:

Address: Rua Teresa Ramalho Ortigão, 79B 8000–544 Faro
Phone: (+351) 289 822 297
Email: rufm@rua.pt
Facebook: www.facebook.com/RUA.FM.102.7



ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

ACADEMIC OUTFIT

The academic outfit (Traje académico) that includes the cape and suit identifies a student of Portugal because of its unique use in Portuguese academic tradition. The design can vary from areas of the country, having a more simple design to a more expressive one such as the Algarve, known for its dark blue color combined with sewed ornaments.

The outfit is usually associated with the praxis events, although it can be used by anyone in the University being traditionally worn in academic events and on Thursdays also known as the academic Thursdays.

Traditionally in the interior side of the cape the students add badges that tell a bit of their life story, for example, where they from, their University and so on. It can also be added other badges gifted from family, friends and more!

BLESSING OF FOLDERS

Blessing of folders (Benção das pastas) is the ceremony for all graduating students that takes place in the São Luís stadium in Faro and it consists of a parade to celebrate the end of the students academic path. The graduating students receive ribbons with written messages from their family and friends that are later put inside their folder. During the parade each course does a celebratory walk while waving the folder and its ribbons left and right.

As the name suggests the blessing of folders after the parade, invites a priest that later proceeds to blessing all of the present graduates and their entrance into the working world.

Not only it represents the end of a cicle but it's also a goodbye to the university life and the course peers.

This ceremony takes place during the Academic Week (Semana Académica) usually during the beggining of May.



ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK (ESN)

The UAlg has an **Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Algarve** that was created in 2013 but approved in the end of July 2014. Its mission is Students Helping Students and for that they:

- › Work in the interest of international students;
- › Improve social and cultural integration;
- › Represent their needs and rights;
- › Provide information;
- › Are with the student from the beginning until the end of their stay in the UAlg.

ESN Algarve organises several activities such as:

- › Movie nights (two times per month);
- › Puz quiz (every month);

- › Trips (Leiria, Porto, Lisboa and others);
- › Thematic Parties;
- › Picnic;
- › Beach sports;
- › International dinners.

For any kind of help regarding your arrival or accommodation please contact the ESN Algarve through info@esnalgarve.org

More information available at:

Instagram: www.instagram.com/esnalgarve

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ErasmusStudentNetwork

Grupo WhatsApp <https://chat.whatsapp.com/ELnk86ZJLJQ07ICdf77NDG>



BRASA ALGARVE
Núcleo de Estudantes Brasileiros da
Associação Académica da UAlg

BRASA

BRASA is the Brazilian Students Affiliation of UAlg's Academic Association. It aims to offer expanded support to Brazilian students through information sharing, events and parties organization. It is a non-profit organization and, therefore, its members are volunteers. Even though it is focused on Brazilian students, events are open to all nationalities, as cross-cultural integration is a key factor for students adaptation.

Link to access our Survival Manual

http://bit.ly/manual_braaualg

Contacts:

Instagram: www.instagram.com/brasaalgarve/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/brasaalgarve/

Grupo WhatsApp: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FKQOrOIYvffEBrzgisfbq>

STUDY @ UALG

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Students who would like to attend a short period of studies (up to one year) at the UAlg should contact the International Relations of their Home University for an official nomination. Only after this first step, will the IRO of the UAlg send them the link for the online Application Form, which should be filled in, signed and sent to us with all the requested documents:

- > Passport and/or ID document
- > Learning Agreement
- > Transcript of Records
- > Curriculum Vitae

The authorization form is a document proving that your institution agrees with your application, and it follows a model provided in the application link.

NOMINATION DEADLINES

- > **15 April** for the 1st semester or full academic year
- > **15 October** for the 2nd semester

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- > **30 April** for the 1st semester or full academic year
- > **31 October** for the 2nd semester

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

All citizens need a valid **travel document**. A travel document is a valid, recognised document that allows the holder to enter and leave Portugal. The validity of the travel document should always be for **at least 3 months longer** than the duration of the planned stay.

The travel document for citizens of the 28 member States of the European Union (EU) or of the European Free Trade Agreement (EFTA) may be either their **identity card** or **passport**. No visa or equivalent formality is required. For citizens of other countries, it must be a passport.

A **student visa** is an authorization issued by a Portuguese consular office, to be stamped in your passport, and allows you to study in Portugal. All non-EU students need a student visa in order to be registered in UAlg.

Please don't apply for a Schengen visa, as these are not student visas.

All citizens from non-European Union countries and EFTA need a visa. Therefore, to legally enter and study in Portugal they must apply for a student visa at the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate in the country of origin or of residence.

AIMA

AIMA – Agência para a Integração, Migrações e Asilo
Agency for Migration, Integration and Asylum

For the student visa application at the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate in your home country or country of residence, you will need a **letter of acceptance** from the Director of the degree programme, Faculty or School, and/or a declaration from the International Relations and Mobility Office of the UAlg. These letters will be essential to begin the visa application process, as well as your **passport with validity for the entire planned study period**. For more information on documents needed for the visa application please contact the nearest Portuguese Consulate.

Important: Although Portugal is a signatory to the Schengen Treaty it is important to remember that a student visa obtained for one EU country is not transferable to another EU country. In the case of joint degrees, in which students have to move countries, a new application for a student visa for the new country is required.

Foreigners admitted to the country for study purposes are not authorised to work. However, to the extent that it does not interfere with their studies, they may work for a limited amount of time by previously applying for the corresponding permit at the AIMA.

ACCOMMODATION

Although the University has limited places at the University Residences, mobility students may apply for accommodation when filling in the application form online, within the following time limits:

- › **30 April** for the 1st semester or full academic year
- › **31 October** for the 2nd semester

Booking should be requested in advance and is subject to confirmation.

It's advisable to book a room for 1 month only, during which the student will decide whether to continue in the hall of residence or not. Regardless the decision, that 1-month will be paid in advance and will not be refunded.

Rooms are double; kitchen, bathroom and other common spaces are shared.

All halls of residence have the household equipment and appliances. Bed linen is provided. Water, electricity, wifi internet and gas expenses are included in the rental fee.

You should try and make travel arrangements so that your arrival is during daytime and on a weekday. This way if you need assistance, you will be able to contact University staff during working hours. The University offices are usually open to the public all working days until 17.30.

Important: Please note that applying does not mean that you will get lodging!

Upon arrival, you can report directly to the residence. If you arrive late in the evening, you should notify us. The International Relations and Mobility Office will provide you with all the necessary information/orientation.

In Faro, it is not hard to find a suitable room, with prices varying between 300/350 EUR. You should check local newspapers and clipboards in the various Supermarkets.

The **Erasmus Student Network** also has a list of rooms available for rent. Please contact them

+info@esnalgarve.org.

If you are not able to have the confirmation for a University Residence Hall, arriving after working hours or during the weekend, here are the contacts of some affordable places where you can stay for a few days until you find a more permanent place:

Youth Hostel – faro@movijovem.pt

Hostels in Faro – [www.hostelworld.com/findabed.php/ChosenCity.Faro/ChosenCountry.Portugal](http://www.hostelworld.com/findabed.php?ChosenCity=Faro&ChosenCountry=Portugal)

INSURANCE

Students must have full healthcare coverage insurance throughout their entire stay in Portugal.

Students from the **EU Member States or EFTA** are entitled to health care in the Portuguese public health system but must have the **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)**, which may be obtained in the student's country of origin before coming to Portugal. It is only possible to use Health Centres and Hospital emergency services with this card or with a private health insurance card.

Brazilian students should bring a PB4 form and **must formally register** at a Health Centre in Faro. If the holder of a private insurance this requirement is not necessary.

Other non-EU students with which Portugal has formal agreements regarding health care, students must consult in their own country the conditions and documents necessary for healthcare in Portugal.

All other foreign students from non-EU countries **must have a private health insurance**.

LIVING COSTS

You should need around 300/350 EUR month for renting a room;

If you take your meals at the University canteens you should spend around 150€/month in meals;

If you use public transportation (Bus Proximo) you can buy a monthly ticket that costs 24,00€ (travel in the city and to Gambelas Campus – Bus 18 and 19) or 28,00€ (travel in the city, Gambelas Campus and Faro Beach – Bus 14, 16 and 17 during the summer break).

You can find the timetables at www.proximo.pt

Costs might revolve around 500-600 euros month depending on those necessities.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Generally, the academic year is organised into two semesters:

- > 1st semester, beginning in September and ending in January
(exams term in February)
- > 2nd semester, beginning in February and ending in June
(exams term in July)

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The language of instruction of all bachelor programmes (1st cycle) is Portuguese. However, English is used in some Master and Doctoral programmes as the main language of instruction. Most academic staff speak English, and other languages and offer help with tutoring classes and/or bibliography.

For a programme fully instructed in English, proficiency in the English language is required for admission. Therefore, the standard level required of English, in the framework of the **Common European Framework** (CEFR) is **B1** minimum.

PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE COURSES

To be able to integrate into a daily local life, one needs to know the national language. Therefore, the UAAlg organises Portuguese language courses at various levels and students are strongly advised to sign up for a course to learn the national language.

- Portuguese as a Foreign Language – 5 ECTS course, each semester. Aimed at all foreign students attending the University and wishing to learn or improve their knowledge of the language.

The Faculty of Human and Social Sciences organises every year the **Portuguese as a Foreign Language** (PFL) Summer Course. This course is divided into different proficiency

levels in Portuguese equivalent to 5 ECTS accordingly to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System.

All students will receive 60 hours of tuition focusing on Portuguese language and additional modules (20 hours in total) on Portuguese Film, Music, Culture and Literature.

Classes are held from Monday to Friday (9h30 to 13h00). School calendar includes guided tours and other cultural activities offering the opportunity to discover cultural features from Portugal and the Algarve. All cultural activities and modules will take place in the afternoon.

Levels may vary according to the number of applicants. A detailed program will be made known at the beginning of classes. Most school outings are free of charge. However, an additional payment may be required.

For more information, please see:

<http://fchs.ualg.pt/home/en/fchs.ualg.pt/curso/1561>
e.mail: ple@ualg.pt

Important: Please note that some portuguese courses charge fees

ARRIVING @ THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND MOBILITY OFFICE

To ensure the coordination and development of the international cooperation in an integrated way, the UAAlg has an International Relations and Mobility Office.

As its main function, the International Relations and Mobility Office informs, accompanies and manages all international cooperation programmes in Higher Education, in which the University participates.

The International Relations and Mobility Office develops, promotes and coordinates the international activities of the University. This involves, among other assignments, support and feedback to the university management on internationalisation issues, and developing agreements for the academic exchange and research cooperation.

This Office works closely with Faculties and Schools for the development of, and support to, the internationalisation process, and articulates with internal and external services, managing all mobility programmes.

It provides information and advice on pre-arrival needs (visa information), arrival orientation (accommodation at the Student Support and Welfare Services (SAS), bank account, residence permit) and cultural integration (Portuguese language courses, welcome meetings, cultural events). Students are strongly advised to inform the International Relations and Mobility Office of the way of travel, date and time of arrival.

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY!

At the beginning of every semester, the UAAlg organises an **Orientation Week** (pending of the safe conditions) to help newly arriving students integrate into the University and get to know the city.

Students are strongly advised to arrive in time to attend this event.

During the orientation week, students are helped to do their registration. Please try to keep your appointment time, in order to avoid queues and long waiting times. Cultural activities are organised, such as boat trips and guided city walks. The Welcome Sessions present important information on the University, the city of Faro and the Region of Algarve. Meetings of the students with their Mobility Coordinators take place.

Don't miss the whole Orientation Week, as it is extremely important to make sure your academic year or semester runs smoothly!

The IRO also organises an **International Day** each semester, (pending of the safe conditions) which aims to give incoming students the opportunity to show their home country to the international and national students.

REGISTERING AT THE UNIVERSITY – INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND MOBILITY OFFICE (IRO)

Upon arrival, the student must email international@ualg.pt (IRO) with a scan copy of:

- Portuguese Study Visa (for non-EU citizens, even for study periods less than 3 months);
- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or a private medical insurance (if you are not an EU citizen) or PT/BR-13 for Brazilian citizens;
- Certificate of arrival (document provided by the home University);
- Boarding pass or bus/train ticket of arrival or the highway toll payment receipt in Portugal.



CHECKLIST

BEFORE COMING ...

Make sure you have sent the following documents and they have been approved and accepted by the UAAlg:

- Application Form online
- Learning Agreement

If you have been admitted to study at the UAAlg, make sure that:

- You have received a letter of acceptance by the UAAlg – if requested.
- You made proper accommodation arrangements

Don't forget to bring with you:

- Identity Card or Passport (valid for the entire study period)
- European Health Insurance Card
- Digital Photo

If you are not an EU citizen make sure to bring with you:

- Passport (valid for the entire study period)
- Portuguese study visa
- Private medical insurance

- Declaration of home residence if you want to open a bank account in Portugal

For long-stay studies, you should also:

- Make copies of all important documents: passport, diplomas, insurance, etc.
- Make sure you have enough money (cash) to get settled.
- Certified copies of your qualifications obtained abroad (if applicable)
- International Driving license if staying over 3 months.

Students travelling by car and staying in Portugal must bring the documents below, take them to Customs and request a circulation guide:

- ID/Passport,
- Driving License,
- Car documents,
- Proof of home address,
- Green card insurance

If you don't own the car, you must also bring:

- Permission from the owner to drive the car

- Proof of owner's home address
- Copy of owner's ID/passport

***Important: The start of the academic year is generally in the beginning of October.
Be on time!!!***

NOTES:



PORTUGAL



Bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the West and South and by Spain to the North and East, Portugal occupies the western part of the Iberian Peninsula and has two archipelagos in the Atlantic Ocean: Madeira and the Azores. The Tagus River (Rio Tejo) that rises from Spain divides mainland Portugal (Continente). The northern landscape is mountainous with several plateaus indented by river valleys, while plains characterise the southern area, including the Alentejo and the Algarve. Portugal's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), a sea zone over which the Portuguese have special rights over the exploration and use of marine resources, has 1,727,408 km², being the largest EEZ of the European Union and 11th largest in the world.

BRIEF HISTORY

Portugal is one of the world's oldest countries. It became an independent nation in 1143 and has maintained its independence and national boundaries since the 13th century,

except for a brief period under Spanish domination between 1580 and 1640. Being the pioneers of the Age of Discovery, Portugal established the first global empire in history, and the longest lived of the European colonial empires, from the capture of Ceuta in 1415 to the handover of Macau to China in 1999 (almost 600 years). Portugal became a republic on 5th October 1910 and is an established democracy today. Portugal is a developed country with a high Human Development Index. It is a member of the European Union (since 1986) and the United Nations (since 1955); as well as a founding member of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), Community of Portuguese Language Countries (Comunidade dos Países de Língua Portuguesa, CPLP), and the European Union's Eurozone. Portugal is also a Schengen state. According to the Global Peace Index, Portugal is the 3rd most peaceful country in the world (2017).



ALGARVE



Due to its geographical location, the Algarve enjoys one of the best climates in Europe all year round, with only a short period of rainfall (normally between November and March), maximum temperatures varying between 15°C and 31°C, and long hours of sunshine (the highest in Europe). With fine white sand beaches all along its coastline and a calm sea with water temperatures of around 22°C in the summer, the Algarve is perfect for the so-called "beach tourism", although a wide range of different activities is offered.

This is why the Algarve, the southernmost region of mainland Portugal, is its most popular tourist destination, and one of the most popular in Europe. With an area of 5,411 km² and a permanent population of approximately 451,117 inhabitants, its population triples in the summer season due to a high influx of visitors. In total, the Algarve receives almost 10 million people every year, including national visitors, out of which 7 million are foreign tourists.

The Algarve possesses two main urban centres: (1) the city of Faro, the capital of the region, with an international airport,

sports stadium, two university *campi* and the main hospital; and (2) the city of Portimão, Algarve's second main city and home to the University's third *campus*.

BRIEF HISTORY

A chosen place of settlement for various groups of people, the Algarve derives its name from the Moors *AL-Gharb*, meaning "The West". This is but one clear example of the rich cultural heritage that the Moors left dotted across this region. The castles, fortresses, narrow roads and lacework-patterned chimneys are some of the other landmarks that have survived the passage of history.

Before the Moors, the Algarve received further valuable legacies. The *Ruínas de Milreu*, in Estoi, and the Roman *Villa Cerro da Vila*, in Vilamoura, are good examples of Roman civilisation and come fully equipped with visitor centres that illustrate the realities of everyday life many centuries ago. In 1249, King *D. Afonso III* of Portugal conquered Faro and began to use the title of "King of Portugal and of the Algarve".

The golden age of the Portuguese voyages of discovery placed the Algarve at the centre of some of the key events in those great adventures that opened up new worlds to the West. Setting sail from *Lagos* and *Sagres* were caravels of Prince Henry, the Navigator, and explorers such as *Gil Eanes*, a renowned Algarvian honoured for his daring feats.



THE CITY OF FARO



Faro (fah-roo) is the administrative centre of the whole of the Algarve region with a population of approximately 60,000 inhabitants spread over 210 km², of which 30% are integrated into the Ria Formosa Nature Reserve.

The county of Faro is bordered to the south by the Ria Formosa lagoon, a 19 km long system of barrier islands that communicates with the sea through six inlets, five of which are natural and have mobility characteristics, and one is an artificial inlet that was opened with the purpose of allowing easier access to the port of Faro. This system forms three main islands, which can be reached by boat, and are excellent places to enjoy pleasant days in contact with nature, enjoying boating, biking or walking. The local cuisine, the white sand beaches and balmy waters awarded with the "blue flag", in some places inhabited only by migratory birds, are aspects to discover on the islands of the Ria Formosa, with a high potential for nature tourism.

BRIEF HISTORY

As an ancient city, Faro is to be (re)discovered. From pre-Roman origin, known at that time as Ossonoba, Faro was one of the most important urban centres of the southern peninsula. The city has both Arab and Roman ruins but most of the present attractive older buildings were constructed after the disastrous earthquake of 1755. Particularly attractive is the old part of the city surrounded still by the Roman walls, which date back to the 9th century.

Currently, due to its central role and as the regional capital, Faro has significant infrastructures and public services in the region. The airport handles more than five million tourists a year, the University is internationally known in the fields of Marine Sciences, Tourism Management and Cultural Heritage, Health Sciences and Biotechnology, apart from the Central Regional Hospital and six secondary schools, all showing the central role of Faro in the whole region.

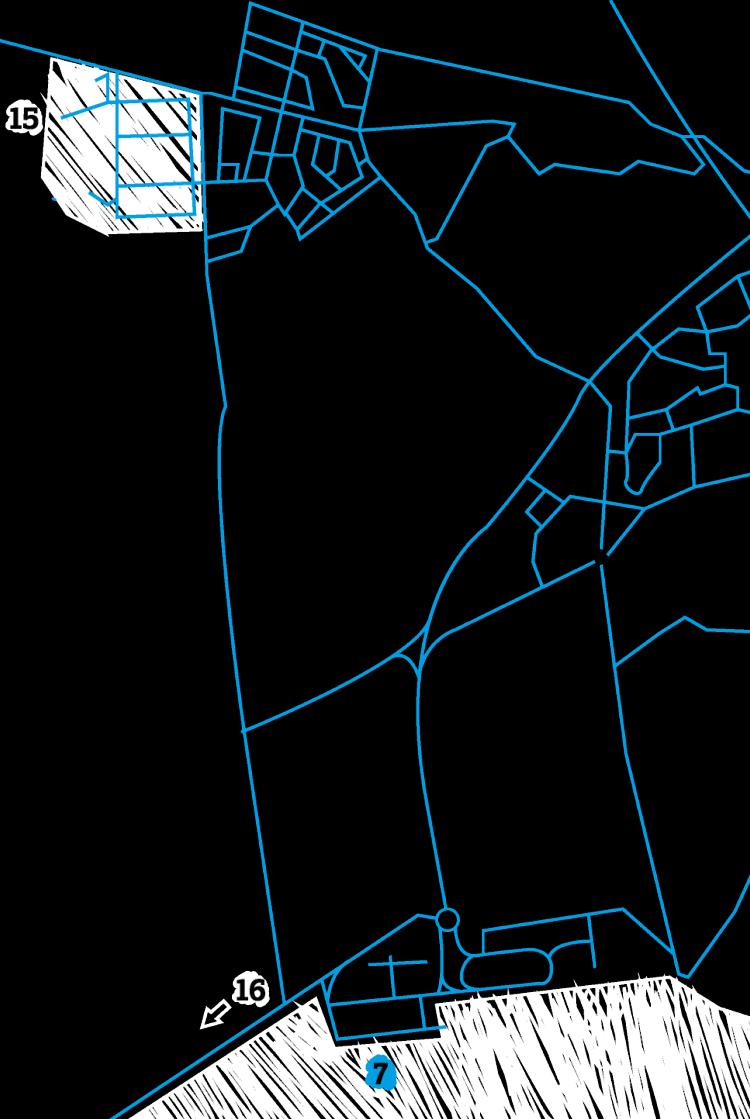
The city also has an attractive marina, well-maintained parks and plazas and an old town full of outdoor cafés and pedestrian lanes. Besides its museums and beautiful churches and chapels, Faro also boasts a vibrant nightlife.

To discover the city and its essence it is recommended to walk through the streets of Faro.



MAP

- 1 UAAlg Campus Penha
- 2 Hospital
- 3 Information center
- 4 Old town
- 5 Train station
- 6 Bus station
- 7 Airport
- 8 Police
- 9 Fire station
- 10 Library
- 11 Theater
- 12 City garden (Alameda/Manuel Bivar)
- 13 Shopping center (Forum Algarve)
- 14 Market
- 15 UAAlg Campus Gambelas
- 16 Faro island beach





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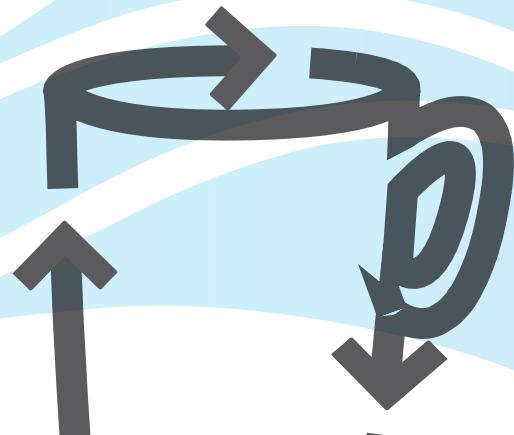
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- Bring your own mug to the bar and ask for your drink, coffee or tea; this will reduce the amount of washing done in bars and the use of disposable material.



ECO BIKE

UALG ECO BIKE

UNIVERSIDADE DO ALGARVE

"UAlg ECO BIKE" is contributing to a healthier and more eco-friendly future.

The project UAlg Eco Bike allows for students to use UAlg's bikes temporarily and free of charge. Its main goal is the promotion of healthy habits, physical activity and sports. It also intends to spread the use of more sustainable mobility options in the academic community, instead of public and personal transportation, in a bike sharing system.

The program has 100 bikes available in three sizes, S, M and L.

For more information: www.ualg.pt/en/ualg-eco-bike



UALG+ PROJECTS

UALG V+ VOLUNTEERS

The UAlg-V+ is a work group involving students, professors, employees and researchers of the UAlg organising volunteer activities to help the community. Students may be rewarded credits for their work in this group on the diploma supplement. Examples of volunteer activities: Project We Love YOU; Re-food Faro; Happy Strays, so much more!

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relatoriosustentabilidadeods-en202220230115.pdf](https://www.ualg.pt/sites/default/files/documentos/2024-01/relatoriosustentabilidadeods-en202220230115.pdf)

PI² GENDER UALG

The University of Algarve is a centre for the creation, transmission, and sharing of culture and humanistic, artistic, scientific, and technological knowledge, contributing to promoting culture and science in society, seeking to improve its capacity to anticipate and respond to social, scientific and technological changes in order to develop communities, particularly the Algarve region, striving for social cohesion, and promoting and consolidating the values of freedom and citizenship.

The University of Algarve's Gender Equality Inclusivity Plan (PI²Género UAlg) was drafted by a working group run by the institution's Vice-rector for Internationalisation and Sustainable Development. PI²Género UAlg follows international guidelines on this matter, specifically those drafted by the European Institute for Gender Equality.

For more information:

<https://www.ualg.pt/en/gender-equality-inclusivity-plan>



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER – 2024

- 07 City holiday
09 Beginning of the 1st semester

OCTOBER – 2024

- 05 National holiday

NOVEMBER – 2024

- 01 National holiday

DECEMBER – 2024

- 01 National holiday
08 National holiday
21 End of the classes of the 1st semester
23 Beginning of Christmas break
25 Christmas Day

JANUARY – 2025

- 01 New Year
03 End of Christmas break
06 Beginning of the exam period of the 1st semester

FEBRUARY – 2025

- 01 End of the exam period and of the 1st semester
03 Beginning of the 2nd semester

MARCH – 2025

- 03 Beginning of Carnival holidays
04 End of Carnival holidays

APRIL – 2025

- 14 Beginning of Easter break
17 End of Easter break
18 Good Friday
20 Easter
25 National holiday

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

MAY - 2025

- 01 National holiday
- 05 Begining of Academic Week (Student's party)
- 09 End of Academic Week (Student's party)
- 28 End of the classes of the 2nd semester

JUNE - 2025

- 02 Beginning of the exam period of the 2nd semester
- 10 National holiday
- 19 National holiday
- 28 End of the exam period and of the 2nd semester

EU STUDENTS MUST BRING:

- > Valid ID/Passport;
- > Proof of address in home country, duly translated into Portuguese, English, Spanish, French, Italian;

NON-EU students must bring:

- > Valid passport and visa/residence permit;
- > Proof of address in home country, duly translated into Portuguese or English and authenticated (by a notary or Portuguese embassy/ consulate)

HEALTH INSURANCE

All foreigners who are on Portuguese territory and who feel ill or need any kind of health care have the right to be attended in a Health Centre or in a Hospital (in the case of emergency). Without the health insurance, services having the right to refuse to treat them on the basis of any reason connected with nationality, lack of economic means, lack of legal status or any other.

Students from the European Union (EU) countries and the European Economic Area (EEA) are covered by the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which entitles them to have access to the national social security system as any Portuguese citizen. In order to have access to this scheme, students should contact their own Social Security Office to have the respective card issued, before arriving in Portugal.

Students coming from outside the EU or EEA are required to contract an adequate health insurance policy covering the whole period of studies, including cover for hospitalisation and repatriation.

In addition, all students registered in UAig are covered by a school insurance, covering accidents during academic activities.

SHOPS

Open Monday to Friday: 09:00 – 13:00 / 15:00 – 19:00
From January to November, shops close at 13:00 on Saturdays; in December, they are open Monday to Saturday, from 09:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 19:00.
There are also many shopping malls with shops that are open from 10:00 to 23:00 (winter) and from 10:00 to 24:00 (summer).

TAXIS

Colour: beige or black and green. Fare lists must be displayed inside each taxi. Supplementary charges: increase by 20% at night between 22:00 and 06:00, and weekends; fixed a supplementary charge for any luggage transported in the boot.

TIME ZONE

Continental Portugal and Madeira follow the GMT – one hour less than Continental European Time. In the Azores, it is one hour less than in Continental Portugal and Madeira. Legal hour changes twice a year – in March and in October.

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www.112.pt/Paginas/Home.aspx

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> HEALTH LINE 24 // LINHA DE SAÚDE 24

www.sns24.gov.pt

Phone: 808 242 424.

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CHILE: 213 148 054 / 213 524 680 / 213 538 516

CHINA: 213 932 265 / 213 928 430

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CUBA: 213 041 861

CYPRUS: 213 194 180

DENMARK: 213 512 960

EAST TIMOR: 213 933 730

EGYPT: 213 018 301

ESTONIA: 213 194 150

FINLAND: 213 933 040

FRANCE: 210 608 311

GERMANY: 218 810 210

GREAT BRITAIN: 213 924 000

GREECE: 213 031 260 / 213 031 262

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