

FAQ for International Students

1. How to apply for international mobility at UFMG?

Once a student is selected, s/he **must be nominated by the International Office** of her/his home university. The person in charge of outgoing students is expected to forward a **scanned copy of student's application**. Meanwhile, the student herself/himself must fill in an **online form**. In case a student is interested in coming to UFMG, but her/his home university does not have an agreement with UFMG, the student must contact the International Office so as to start the negotiation. Meanwhile, s/he is able to apply for international mobility at UFMG, as long as the International Relations Affairs deals with the issues of it.

2. Can I apply for internships and/or experience-oriented hospital practical training?

Yes, as long as student's home university contacts UFMG International Relations Office **at least 4 months earlier before student's arrival**. Student's home institution must explain all conditions and details of the internship. It is important to highlight though, that an internship or practical training is not guaranteed by UFMG International Relations Office. In case a student is interested in applying, s/he must send a Training Plan, briefly describing which sort of activities s/he intends to develop, how many hours a student must comply with home university requirements, and any other relevant information. The Training Plan is forwarded to the intended School or Faculty to be analyzed by the coordinators, who will accept or not the student, and in case the plan is approved, will indicate an academic tutor to support her/him with the issues of an internship.

3. I don't speak Portuguese. Can I apply for international mobility at UFMG too?

Yes, you can! Students who do not speak the language or understand a little must come earlier so as to be enrolled in a Portuguese class. The School of Languages, Literature and Linguistics offers Portuguese classes for international students for free. There are two types of courses: 1) an intensive one, which is two-week-long, offered during the winter/summer vacation; 2) an extensive one, which is four-month-long. A certificate is provided once a course is concluded.

4. Where can I find information on Undergraduate and/or Post-Graduate courses?

For Undergraduate Students: <https://www2.ufmg.br/prograd/prograd/Pro-Reitoria-de-Graduacao/Cursos>

For Post-Graduate Students: <https://www.ufmg.br/prpg/> or https://www.ufmg.br/cursos/cursos_pos.shtml

For further information, please contact the International Admission Office: intercambios@dri.ufmg.br

5. Where can I find a course list? What if I don't speak Portuguese?

Every School (e.g. School of Law), Faculty (e.g. Philosophy and Humanities) or Institute (e.g. Institute of Exact Sciences) releases an updated course list by the end of each term/academic semester, in June and in February. This course list has a schedule of all courses students will be able to apply for. However, a school program of each undergraduate and post-graduate course, that is to say, the mandatory ones, are available in UFMG website. Some schools have a website in English, some have not. In case a student has any doubt, s/he should contact the International Admission Office intercambios@dri.ufmg.br.

6. What documents must be submitted? Who should submit it? What about deadlines?

The International Office should forward the following documents to intercambios@dri.ufmg.br:

UFMG Application Form

Copy of Passport

Transcript of Records

Copy of Diploma, for Post-Graduate Students

Training Plan/Agreement, in case a student is accepted for an internship at UFMG, which MUST BE approved by her/his home university

All the documents must be sent by e-mail to intercambios@dri.ufmg.br, named as STUDENTS'NAME_DOC title. E.g.: Mercedes Sosa_Passport or James Brown_Transcript of Records. Hard copies are not requested.

Deadline for students who will study at UFMG from February to July: the International Office should send the documents from **September 1st to October 15th** of the previous year.

Deadline for students who will study at UFMG from August to December: the International Office should send the documents from **March 1st to April 15th**.

7. When am I expected to receive my acceptance letter?

Student's original acceptance letter will be sent as soon as the application is analyzed and approved by the intended school. It usually takes one to two months. It is important to highlight that all international students are more than welcomed at UFMG. But no acceptance letter will be sent until the application is analyzed by the requested school, which also will indicate an academic tutor for international students.

8. I have received my acceptance letter. How to apply for a student visa?

Once a student has received her/his acceptance letter, s/he is going to apply for a student visa – *Visto Temporário Item IV*, at a Brazilian Consulate or Embassy in her/his home country or country of residence. So as to do that, s/he must contact the Consulate or the Embassy and see which documents are demanded.

9. Can I apply for a Tourist Visa and be registered at UFMG?

NO. No student will be officially registered and accepted at UFMG without *Visto Temporário Item IV*. This is an immigration policy and it is demanded by the Federal Police in order to give students permission to stay in Brazil.

10. When do classes start?

Summer Semester: From August to December

Winter Semester: From March to July

11. Is there an Orientation Week for International Students?

Yes. All international students **MUST** take part in. If a student is not able to arrive on time due to exams at home university or any other reason, s/he must get in contact with Housing and Advising affairs acolhimento@dri.ufmg.br, to inform it so.

12. How about life costs?

Life costs depend on several issues, such as diet, transportation, house renting, life style and leisure habits, and so on. In Belo Horizonte, it ranges between R\$ 700,00 and R\$1.300,00 (seven hundred and one thousand three hundred reais = from USD 220 to 410). For detailed information, students can check the following website:

<http://www.custodevida.com.br/mg/belo-horizonte/>

13. What about credits and course hours?

UFMG academic system works as it follows:

CRÉDITOS/CREDITS	CARGA HORÁRIA/COURSE HOURS (in class or practical activities)
1	15 Hours
2	30 Hours
3	45 Hours
4	60 Hours

14. How many academic semesters can I stay at UFMG?

1-2 term/academic semester. For students who are interested in coming to stay for 2 semesters, it is important to mention that in her/his application form.

Feel free to contact us if you are interested in coming to study at UFMG!