



FOREIGN STUDENT GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Dear foreign student,

We are honored to welcome you to the Federal University of Western Pará. We hope that our university can provide you with academic and professional experiences and personal growth. To help you in this new environment, we created this academic guide to help you before and during your stay with us.

You will have access to information about the Amazon region and university services. Student exchanges are extremely important for broadening your worldview, enabling you to learn with people from different cultures and environments, as well as providing opportunities for international academic partnerships in a global context.

We believe that this exchange of experiences will bring opportunities that will be significant for your life. Academic mobility enriches the educational experience and is always welcome at our University. Enjoy your studies!

Warmly,

Prof. Dr. Gabriel Brito Costa

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HELPFUL INFORMATION BEFORE AND AFTER ARRIVAL

It is very important that you know the documents that will be requested in order to ensure that the exchange happens without any complications. Don't forget to organize in advance to avoid missing the deadlines indicated by the immigration authorities of the country, in this case Brazil.

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO SEND TO ARNI/UFOPA IN ADVANCE?

- Foreign Student Application Form;
- Copy of the following pages of your passport: personal details, photo and visa;
- A letter of introduction from your home institution, duly signed by the head of the international office;
- A declaration stating that you have sufficient financial means to pay for your studies and other living expenses for the intended period of study at Ufopa;
- A letter provided by the institution stating that the student is currently enrolled at their home institution. If the original letter is not in Portuguese, a translation must be provided.

The documents should arrive at Ufopa in January or June, depending on when you plan to start your studies. The first semester is usually from March to June and the second is from August to December.

DOCUMENTS TO BRING WITH YOU

- Student visa;
- Official transcript from your university or college translated into Portuguese;
- Personal health insurance;
- Two photos measuring 3 cm x 4 cm (3 cm = 1.17 inches / 4 cm = 1.56 inches);
- Letter of acceptance from Ufopa;
- Letter of introduction from your university advisor (postgraduate programs only);
- Photocopy of university registration or home university card.

VISA

To ensure a legal temporary stay in Brazil, you need to follow two procedures:

IN YOUR COUNTRY

Go to the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate in your country and request the procedures for acquiring a student visa. To do this, you need to be in possession of the letter of acceptance sent by Ufopa;

Foreign students who are interested in a visa to travel to Brazil should contact the official representations abroad via the website:

<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/Embaixadas-Consulados-Missoes/do-brasil-no-exterior>

or access:

<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/Embaixadas-Consulados-Missoes/do-brasil-no-exterior>

for detailed information on visas to study in Brazil.

After these procedures, you will receive a Consular Visa Application which you must hand in to the Federal Police when you arrive in Brazil.

HELPFUL INFORMATION BEFORE AND AFTER ARRIVAL

The document for temporary residence in Brazil is called the “Registro Nacional Migratório (RNM)”, which is a National Migration Register. With this document you will be able to open bank accounts, student passes or any other document that requires you to be legal in the country.

CUSTOMS

The Receita Federal website provides all the information and a traveler’s guide to the procedures adopted in Brazil. Go there and check it out:

<https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/assuntos/aduana-e-comercio-exterior/viagens-internacionais>

LUGGAGE

For information on which items are restricted, prohibited and considered illegal in Brazil, visit the following link:

<https://www.gov.br/receitafederal/pt-br/assuntos/aduana-e-comercio-exterior/viagens-internacionais/guia-do-viajante/entrada-no-brasil/proibicoes-restricoes>

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

For current information on the vaccines required for entry into Brazil, check out the link below:

<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/consulado-cidade-do-cabo/confira-as-regaras-atuais-para-entrada-no-brasil>

ACCOMMODATION (OFF CAMPUS)

Ufopa does not provide accommodation for students, but we can indicate some websites used in the city for renting rooms, apartments and houses, but we are not responsible for contracts or any other situation related to student accommodation.

Rents are subject to change depending on the location of the neighborhood and generally last for 12 months. Read the contract carefully before signing to avoid any problems in the future. If you have any doubts, ask a colleague or someone from your academic department for information on the document.

Some links that may be useful:

• <https://www.olx.com.br/imoveis/estado-pa/regiao-de-santarem>

• <https://www.coimbraimobiliaria.com.br/>

HELPFUL INFORMATION BEFORE AND AFTER ARRIVAL

- <https://www.icribeiro.com.br/>
- <https://www.amauriaimobiliaria.com.br/>
- <https://ciacorretores.negocio.site/>
- <http://www.imobiliariaalho.com/>

GENERAL CARE INFORMATION

It's important to note that in Brazil each region has a different climate. Particularly in the case of Santarém, we have two seasons: winter and summer. The climate is hot and humid, so it's important to bring appropriate clothing for your stay in the city. On hot days, drink enough water and stay hydrated.

Regarding health issues, if you are taking any medication, check with your doctor before coming, given that medication in Brazil requires a medical prescription. Keep personal documents with you that show your blood type, allergies, diabetes or other illnesses that require special attention.

After arriving in Brazil, contact the National and International Relations Department for advice.



BASIC CITY INFORMATION

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Santarém is a Brazilian municipality in the state of Pará and the third most populous in the state, after the capital of Pará (Belém) and Ananindeua. It is the main urban, financial, commercial and cultural center in the west of the state, belonging to the mesoregion of Baixo Amazonas and the microregion of the same name. It is situated at the confluence of the Tapajós and Amazonas rivers. The city is located about 800 km from the metropolises of the Amazon (Manaus and Belém) and is poetically known as the “Pearl of the Tapajós”.

The crystal-clear waters of the Tapajós River make it home to more than 100 kilometers of beaches so extensive that they resemble the sea. This is the case of Alter do Chão, known as the “Brazilian Caribbean”, which was chosen by the English newspaper The Guardian as one of the most beautiful beaches in Brazil and the most beautiful freshwater beach in the world. It is the place where one of the region’s biggest folklore events takes place, the Sairé, which attracts tourists from all over the world.

THE HISTORY OF SANTARÉM

The history of Santarém dates back to a process of immigrations with diverse cultural legacies that together constitute the identity of the municipality and the people of Santarém.

The city was founded on June 22, 1661 by the Portuguese priest João Felipe Bettendorf during Jesuit missions in the region. The city was not yet established on this date, nor did it have the name we know today, but when the Portuguese priest set up the mission in the village of Tapajós, this was the day the municipality was founded.

On March 14, 1758, the village was declared a municipality by the governor of the province of Grão Pará, Captain-General Francisco Xavier de Mendonça Furtado, and given the name of Santarém. On a trip to the Tapajós River, he established the Alter do Chão village, where the Boraris were; Boim, where the Tupinambás community lived; Vila Franca, where the Arapiuns and Cumarús communities were; and Pinhel, where the Matapuz community lived. Various political events have occurred since then. Construction of fortresses; rebel movements against Portuguese domination, such as the Cabanagem in Santarém from 1833 to 1840; immigration in search of new horizons during the Rubber Economic Cycle, etc.

Then, on October 24, 1848, Santarém was finally elevated to the category of city by the President of the Province, Jerônimo Francisco Coelho. To this day, the city is home to descendants of indigenous peoples, Portuguese, Americans and Northeasterners, who have worked hard to promote the growth of our society.

Extracted from the official website of Santarém Municipal Government.

<https://turismo.santarem.pa.gov.br/historia-de-santarem>

TOURISM AND CULTURE

Ecotourism is the city's main tourist attraction, with its streams, beaches, river trips and forest trails. Nearby towns also have ecotourism options in the region, such as the waterfalls in Rurópolis and Alenquer, and the Tapajós National Forest Trail in Belterra, among other options.



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Wikimedia Commons

SOME OF THE BEACHES OF SANTARÉM

- Maracanã
- Carapanari
- Juá
- Tapari
- Maria José
- Ponta de Pedras
- Arariá
- Alter do Chão
- Pajuçara

SOME OF THE BEACHES OF BELTERRA

- Pindobal
- Santa Cruz
- Cajutuba
- São Domingos
- Aramanaí
- Maguari

TOURIST SITES AND CULTURAL EVENTS IN THE CITY

- João Fona Museum
- Santarém's waterfront boardwalk
- Museum of Sacred Art next to the Church of Nossa Senhora da Conceição (Igreja Matriz)
- Barão de Santarém Square
- City Park (wooded area for walks and picnics)
- Mirante Square
- House of Culture
- Anysio Chaves Events Square

For more information on the city's cultural events, click on the link below:

<https://santarem.pa.gov.br/categorias/cultura>

THE HISTORY AND STRUCTURE OF UFOPA

HISTORY

Ufopa was created by Federal Law No. 12,085 of November 5, 2009. The university is the first federal institution of higher education to be based in one of the most strategic points in the Amazon, in the municipality of Santarém, the third largest city in Pará, known worldwide for its natural beauty, especially the meeting of the waters of the Tapajós and Amazonas rivers. The creation of Ufopa is part of the expansion program for federal universities and is the result of a technical cooperation agreement signed between the Ministry of Education (MEC) and the Federal University of Pará (UFPA), which provides for the expansion of higher education in the Amazon region.

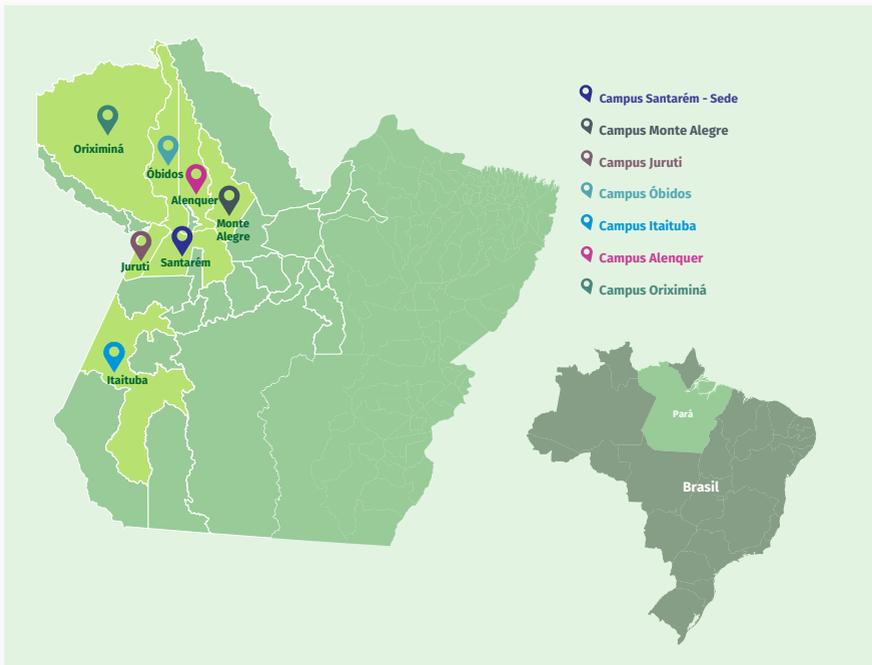
Ufopa emerged from the incorporation of the Santarém Campus of UFPA and the Tapajós Decentralized Unit of the Federal Rural University of Amazonia (Ufra), which were active in the western region of Pará.

Santarém Campus of
UFPA in 2007



THE HISTORY AND STRUCTURE OF UFOPA

Ufopa also assimilated other UFPA and Ufra units to form the Alenquer, Itaituba, Juruti, Monte Alegre, Óbidos and Oriximiná campuses. Ufopa currently operates two campuses in Santarém: Rondon Unit, located in the Caranazal neighborhood; and Tapajós Unit, in the Salé neighborhood. The Amazon Unit, in the Fátima neighborhood, was shut down on July 9, 2021, after ten years of activity.



THE HISTORY AND STRUCTURE OF UFOPA

For more information on the location of the central campus and the campuses, see below:

UFOPA SANTARÉM (CENTRAL CAMPUS)



TAPAJÓS UNIT

Rua Vera Paz, s/nº – Salé
CEP 68040-255, Santarém – Pará, Brasil

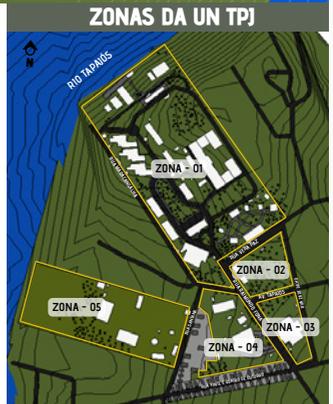
Location

THE HISTORY AND STRUCTURE OF UFOPA

Check out the [visual map of the Tapajós Unit](#) designed by Ufopa's Infrastructure Superintendence (SINFRA).



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ZONA - 03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 - RESTAURANTE UNIVERSITÁRIO (RU) 02 - SUBESTAÇÃO ICI E GRUPO GERADOR ICI 03 - COLETERIA 04 - SISTEMA DE TRATAMENTO DE ESGOTO 05 - USINA FOTOVOLTAICA
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UFOPA SANTARÉM (CENTRAL CAMPUS)



RONDON UNIT

Avenida Marechal Rondon, s/nº – Caranazal
CEP 68040-070, Santarém – Pará, Brasil

Location

UFOPA CAMPUSES



ORIXIMINÁ CAMPUS

Rodovia PA 439, N° 257
Oriximiná – Pará, Brasil
CEP 68270-000

Location
Campus website

MONTE ALEGRE CAMPUS

Tv. Major Francisco
Mariano S/N – Bairro
Cidade Alta
Monte Alegre – Pará,
Brasil
CEP 68220-000

Location
Campus website



UFOPA CAMPUSES

JURUTI CAMPUS

Rua Vereador José de Sousa
Andrade, Nº 98
São Marcos
Juruti – Pará, Brasil
CEP 68170-000

Phone: (93) 99145-8674

E-mail: juruti@ufopa.edu.br

[Location](#)

[Campus website](#)



ALENQUER CAMPUS

Rua Beatriz do Vale S/N
Independência
Alenquer – Pará, Brasil
CEP 68200-000

[Location](#)

[Campus website](#)

UFOPA CAMPUSES



ÓBIDOS CAMPUS

Rua Prefeito Nelson Souza, s/nº
Perpétuo Socorro
Óbidos – Pará, Brasil
CEP: 68250-000

Phone: (93) 99147-7223

Email: obidos@ufopa.edu.br

Location

Campus website

ITAITUBA CAMPUS

Rua Universitária, s/nº,
Maria Magdalena
Itaituba – Pará, Brasil
CEP.: 68183-300

Location

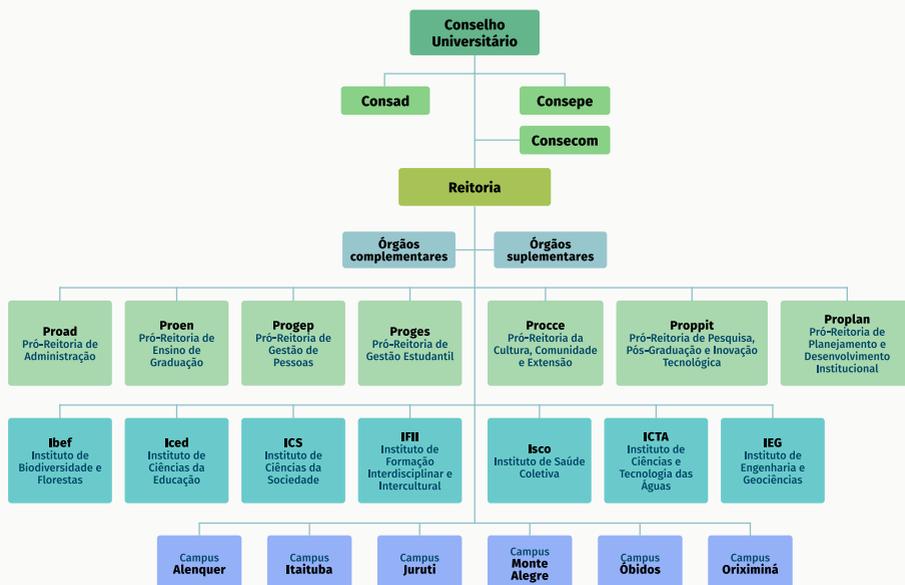
Campus website



Extracted from official Ufopa web-site: ufopa.edu.br/ufopa/institucional/sobre-a-ufopa/historico-e-localizacao/

THE STRUCTURE

The organizational structure of Ufopa is constituted by Superior Councils, the Rectory, pro-rectories, academic units, supplementary bodies and campuses. This organization is structured according to the following chart:



Extracted from official Ufopa website: ufopa.edu.br/ufopa/institucional/sobre-a-ufopa/organograma/

A woman with glasses and a patterned top is looking at a book in a library. The background shows bookshelves filled with books.

UNIVERSITY ROUTINE

UNIVERSITY RESTAURANT

The university has a university restaurant located next to the central campus in Santarém, which serves students and staff. For more information on opening times, menus and prices, click on the link below:

ufopa.edu.br/proges/servicos-4/restaurante-universitario/



LIBRARY

Ufopa's campuses each have a space with physical and digital collections for students, the community and public personnel. For more information on opening hours, use of the space, book loans and availability of the collection, visit the link below:

ufopa.edu.br/sibi/

TRANSPORT

The university has an intercampus bus that runs between the Tapajós and Rondon units on the Santarém Campus. Updated schedules are available at the main gate of each unit.



For more information on intercampus bus, click on the link below:

ufopa.edu.br/proad/servicos/intercampus/



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Every year Ufopa releases an academic calendar with the academic periods and important dates and holidays. The academic calendar is available at ufopa.edu.br/proen/diretoria-de-registro-academico/calendarios-academicos/.

SIGAA

SIGAA (Integrated System for the Management of Academic Activities) is an online platform that provides access to the student portal. The platform contains academic information such as subjects enrolled, subject teachers, schedules and attendance.

On the link below you can consult the manual to understand how the platform works:

ufopa.edu.br/media/file/site/proen/documentos/2023/c0f880341f7a50902379e48a06e2d57f.pdf

CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes are organized in shifts and at the following time periods:

- Morning: 8h à 12h25
- Afternoon: 14h à 18h35
- Night: 18h40 à 22h50

ATTENDANCE

Students must attend at least 75% of classes to fulfill one of the requirements for passing the course. Attendance is recorded by the teacher during lessons. If your name is not on the class attendance list, tell the teacher or check with your course coordinator.

ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ufopa uses the numbering from 0 to 10 as a grade to score students' progress.

- Considering that 6 is the minimum grade to pass

For more information access the website of the [Department of Undergraduate Education](#) - Proen and also [Manual do Calouro 2024](#).

Read the entirety of [Ufopa's Academic Regulations](#).

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