

(TYPE THE NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY)

Luxembourg

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FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

HOW TO GET TO AVEIRO

By road

From the north using the A1 motorway or from the east using the IP5/A25. Take the A1 motorway in the direction of Lisbon. Exit the A1 in the direction of Aveiro and take the IP5/A25. There are two exits to the city from the IP5/A25, first "Aveiro-Norte" and some kilometres further on, the "Aveiro" exit. This second exit is best for reaching the University of Aveiro. (The University is near the hospital).

From the south using the A1 motorway. Take the A1 motorway in the direction of Porto. Exit the motorway at "Aveiro-Sul/Águeda" (exit 15) and follow the EN235 road directly to the University Campus (The University is near the hospital).

From the south, using the A8 and A17 motorways. Exit the motorway at "Aveiro-Sul" and follow the EN235 road directly to the University campus (The University is near the hospital).

Flying to Portugal

The closest airport is Francisco Sá Carneiro International Airport in Oporto, located some 70 kms to the north of Aveiro. Portela International Airport in Lisbon is located 250 kms to the south of Aveiro.

From Oporto to Aveiro

The trip between the airport and the railway station (called Porto-Campanhã), which has direct rail connections to Aveiro, can be done by taxi for around 20€ and takes around 30 minutes. A less expensive way to reach the Porto-Campanhã railway station is to use the Metro, which has a terminal at the airport. The trips between the airport and the railway station take about 32 minutes and the ticket costs 1,85€ (Z4 ticket). [Click here for Metro information.](#)

The train journey to Aveiro takes between 40 minutes and 1h15, depending on the type of train used.

There are regular trains to Aveiro from Porto. [Click here for train timetables.](#)

From Lisbon to Aveiro

If you're arriving by plane, the simplest form of transport to Aveiro is by train from Lisboa-Oriente railway station. To get to the train station, you can go by taxi, which takes about 10 minutes and costs around 10€, but there are less expensive ways to get there, by bus, for example (lines 5 and 44). [Click here for train timetables.](#)

To reach the University Campus

Aveiro railway station is located about 20 minutes walking distance or 5 minutes taxi ride from the University Campus. To reach the Campus, you can also use the bus (green line) which departs at regular intervals from outside the railway station.

LIVING IN AVEIRO

Aveiro is a really easy-going city. It's relatively small and most distances can be covered on foot, so there's no need to use public transport (except to go to the beach: during summer time, there are buses every hour, it costs about €2 and takes more or less 20 minutes).

You can buy your food in many supermarkets in the centre, but you can also eat in restaurants and pubs, because it's not so expensive. You can have a meal for €5 quite easily. There are some places with vegetarian food, and you can eat great fish dishes.

The night life is concentrated in the old centre of Aveiro, in a square called "Praça do Peixe", there you have very different bars, opened until 2am (3am during the so called academic weeks, usually in September/October and April/May). After that there is still some bars opened, and a discotheque (in the centre too – the entrance cost is about €10).

Once in Aveiro, you can easily visit the whole country, either renting a car with friends, or going by bus or train.

REGISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY

➔ REGISTRATION

Upon arrival, students must go the International Office, located at the main building (Reitoria), to fill out all necessary registration forms. You can find a map of the campus [here](#).

➔ LANGUAGE COURSES

Learning Portuguese as a Foreign Language

Language support is provided through Portuguese language classes for beginners and intermediate learners held at the Department of Languages and Cultures. The time-tables of the classes are quite flexible in order to suit students' needs.

An International Summer School in Portuguese Language and Civilization is also held each summer at the Department of Languages and Cultures, targeted at intermediate and advanced learners.

Further information about language preparation courses at UA can be found at <http://www.dlc.ua.pt/>

The University of Aveiro is a national examination centre for the official Portuguese Language Certificate. Further information about the certificate and the examinations can be obtained through the Instituto Camões in Lisbon.

➔ CALENDAR OF ACADEMIC YEAR

The academic calendar is divided into 2 semesters: 1st semester and 2nd semester. Classes begin in the middle of September and are interrupted for holidays like Christmas, Carnival, Easter, Student Week, Open Day as well as for exam periods.

The calendar includes examination periods, however it is good to bear in mind that forms of assessment/examination differ from course unit to course unit. The forms of assessment include continuous assessment, periodical exercises and tests, practical work, project work and final examinations.

The complete version of the University of Aveiro academic calendar will be available as soon as possible in the following website: <http://www.ua.pt/gri/PageText.aspx?id=7925>.

➔ ACCOMMODATION

University halls of residence

Halls of residence for undergraduate students are separate from those for postgraduate students. All of the halls of residence have single or shared rooms with access to a common kitchen and living room. The bedrooms are fully furnished and are equipped with bed-linen and duvet as well as hand towels and bath towels. The bathrooms are shared. Linen and towels are changed each week and all common living areas are cleaned daily. The kitchen is equipped with a fridge and a cooker, but not cutlery, crockery or cooking utensils. Detailed information is available on the webpage of the Social Services. All halls of residence are within comfortable walking distance from the main University campus.

Students and researchers who will be accompanied by family members are advised to arrive in advance of their families in order to search for suitable accommodation. There is a limited availability of family type accommodation at the University halls of residence, so some families will need to look to the private sector, either through advertisements in the local newspapers or via estate agencies.

Change of accommodation

Students wishing to move out of University residences must give 4 weeks notice at the Housing Sector office. Moving room within a student residence block is possible, but subject to availability. In any case, if you are thinking of moving, please seek advice from the accommodations office before making arrangements.

Accommodation in the private sector

For students who do not live at the University residences, there are other options. Many students share flats near the campus or in the city centre. The International Office provides international students with contact numbers for students who want to rent a flat.

Accommodation for Exchange Students

The [International Office](#) of the University provides support to exchange students in finding accommodation.

➔ SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY

4 canteens

3500 number of meals served daily

20 bars

21 halls of residence

849 beds

10500 computers on campus

36 study rooms

Libraries:

230.000 books

11.063 audiovisual publications

18.000 electronic periodicals

➔ VISA

Entering Portugal

To enter Portuguese territory, all students must be bearers of a travel document i.e. a valid passport. EU nationals may present their national ID card.

Border controls are in place whenever travelling directly from a country which is not a signatory of the Schengen Convention. Study visa holders travelling to Portugal from another Schengen country are required to have their passports stamped at the Immigrations Bureau within three days of their arrival in Portugal. .

Residing in Portugal

Portuguese law welcomes the free movement of students between member states of the European Union and the Schengen space as well as the admission of students from other countries in order to carry out study or research.

Study visa

The study visa is necessary for all students from countries outside the European Union or Schengen space. There are some exceptions however. For instance, Portugal has agreements with some countries around the world to exempt students from the need to hold a visa (quite rare exceptions!).

The study visa can be obtained from the Portuguese diplomatic representative of your country (i.e. the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate)

The visa is valid for multiple entries into Portugal and is valid for a maximum period of one year (it can be renewed while the visa holder is in Portugal).

Family members of visa holders may accompany the student for the period of stay by requesting, before entry into Portugal, a temporary visa at the Embassy or consulate of the country where they reside.

Residence Permit

All EU students and students from Schengen countries, and any accompanying family members should apply for a residence permit within 90 days of entry into Portugal.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

➔ CURRENCY

Euro (€)

➔ BANK ACCOUNT

Bank Accounts

International students can open bank accounts in most banks as long as they intend to stay for more than 3 months. To open the account, you will need to present identification as well as a tax number. Students don't pay tax in Portugal, but all persons are issued with a tax number anyway. To receive the tax number, you must go to the Direcção Geral dos Impostos (i.e. the tax office) located in the "Loja do Cidadão" (the citizen's service bureau, see www.lojadocidadao.pt).

Automatic Teller Machines

Portugal has an excellent national inter-bank network of ATMs (Automatic Teller Machines).

"Multibanco" terminals are widely distributed among shopping centres, petrol stations, shopping areas and, of course, the banks.

Apart from providing cash withdrawals of up to €200 per day, other services are available, including bank transfers, bank statements, payments for public and private services, purchase of train tickets and even the purchase of tickets for public events like football matches and shows.

The ATMs can be used with "Multibanco" cards issued by the banks. A wide variety of international credit and debit cards are also accepted (see [sibs website](#)).

➔ MOBILE PHONE

New students, including foreign students, receive a welcome pack from the Student Union, which includes a SIM card from one major operator (operator is TMN; price plan is „Moche“). You can also buy a SIM card from any of the mobile operators in the country.

➔ EMERGENCY NUMBERS

112 for any emergency: ambulance, police, fire department

In case you need to contact the police, but it does not qualify as emergency, the number for the police station in Aveiro is: +351 234302510 (PSP - Polícia de Segurança Pública).

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