

## Pocket Guide



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## Universidade de São Paulo

USP is the most prestigious higher education and research institution in Brazil. It figures among the world's best universities in many rankings, such as the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. Established in 1934, it is a public state university (it does not charge tuition fees) and has campi with diversified infrastructure spread over 8 cities: Bauru, Lorena, Piracicaba, Pirassununga, Ribeirão Preto, Santos, São Carlos and São Paulo.

**Ribeirão Preto** is a big town that feels like a small one and has a diversified cultural life, rich historic heritage and a talent for business.

**Pirassununga** has around 72,000 inhabitants and hosts a Brazilian Air Force Academy.

Lorena is almost equidistant from São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. It has a population of around 82,000 people, out of which approximately 5,000 are students.

**São Paulo** is the most important economic center in South America, and also offers a great diversity of leisure, entertainment and culture.

Santos is the home of USP's newest campus, which was inaugurated in 2012, in order to meet a demand of oil engineering courses, due to the recent discovery of oil reserves in the Brazilian south coast.

São Carlos has an enterprising spirit and is one of the most representative economies of its region and also a Brazilian landmark of technology and education.

Bauru's valuable historic heritage, its high scientific development and its great number of college students make it a town headed to the future.

> **Piracicaba** is one of the major economies in the state of São Paulo. The USP campus has 9,200 acres of parks, woods and a vigorous historical heritage.

## **Education at USP**

#### USP IN NUMBERS 2013 (database 2012)

Undergraduate Programs	
Programs	249
Yearly enrollment	10,962
Application for the Entrance Exam	146,845
Enrolled students	58,303
Number of degrees awarded	7,665
Graduate Programs	
Programs	239
Enrolled students in Master's programs	13,836
Enrolled students in Doctorate programs	14,662
Master's degrees awarded	3,577
Doctorate degrees awarded	2,439
Internationalization	
Agreements	744
International students	2,749
Outgoing students	1,974

Besides these numbers, USP is also remarkable for its 4 important museums, 2 major hospitals, health centers and a partnership with some of the best hospitals in Latin America. Yearly, USP's scientific production totals an average of 27,500 publications, which represents 23% of all Brazilian production.





## **Social commitment**

Strongly connected with the local community, USP runs several hospitals and public services that benefit the population directly. The activities - usually free of charge - range from science and culture to innovative health care and therapy.

The university also offers various cultural and outreach activities: orchestras, museums, libraries and cultural centers, among others. There are also sports practice centers and courses that are open to the community in general and sometimes to a specific public, such as the elderly.







## **International Relations**

USP welcomes people from all continents and stimulates this process via networks and consortia. Currently, the university has over 700 international agreements signed with several institutions all over the world.

I like the brazilian way of teaching. Professors ask how you are doing and they actually want to know that. Besides, classes are very dynamic, and the students feel free to participate and say whatever they think.

Rafael García Librán UNIVERSIDAD POLITÉCNICA DE MADRID – ESPANHA The reception was always great, no only in USP but in all other places I have visited. Brazilians are always willing to help and to inform you.

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Gabriela Díaz Montealegre UNIVERSIDADE NACIONAL DA COLOMBIA - COLOMBIA

### **Schools and Research Centers**

I like Brazilian people so much! They are happy, helpful and love to share the good things of life, mainly the food! Bauru Campus Bauru School of Dentistry

Lorena Lorena School of Engineering

Luiz de Queiroz Campus in Piracicaba

"Luiz de Queiroz" College of Agriculture

**Pirassununga Campus** School of Animal Science and Food Engineering

#### **Ribeirão Preto Campus**

Faculty of Economics, Business and Accountancy of Ribeirão Preto Faculty of Philosophy, Sciences and Letters at Ribeirão Preto Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing Ribeirão Preto Law School Ribeirão Preto Medical School School of Dentistry of Ribeirão Preto School of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Ribeirão Preto School of Physical Education and Sport of Ribeirão Preto

São Carlos Campus Institute of Architecture and

#### Urbanism

Institute of Mathematical and Computer Sciences São Carlos Institute of Chemistry São Carlos Institute of Physics São Carlos School of Engineering

#### Santos Campus

#### São Paulo Campus

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Faculty of Philosophy, Languages and Literature, and Human Sciences Institute of Astronomy, Geophysics and Atmospheric Sciences Institute of Biomedical Sciences Institute of Biosciences Institute of Chemistry Institute of Geosciences Institute of International Relations Institute of Mathematics and Statistics Institute of Physics Institute of Psychology Law School Oceanographic Institute School of Architecture and Urbanism School of Arts, Sciences and Humanities

Marÿke Walraven UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS – ENGLAND School of Dentistry School of Economics, Business and Accountancy School of Education School of Engineering School of Medicine School of Nursing School of Physical Education and Sports School of Public Health School of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science

#### Specialized Institutes

Center for Marine Biology Center for Nuclear Energy in Agriculture Institute of Advanced Studies Institute of Brazilian Studies Institute of Energy and Environment Institute of Tropical Medicine of São Paulo

#### Museums

Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology Museum of Contemporary Art Museum of Zoology Paulista Museum

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