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International student guide to Udesc and Brazil. →

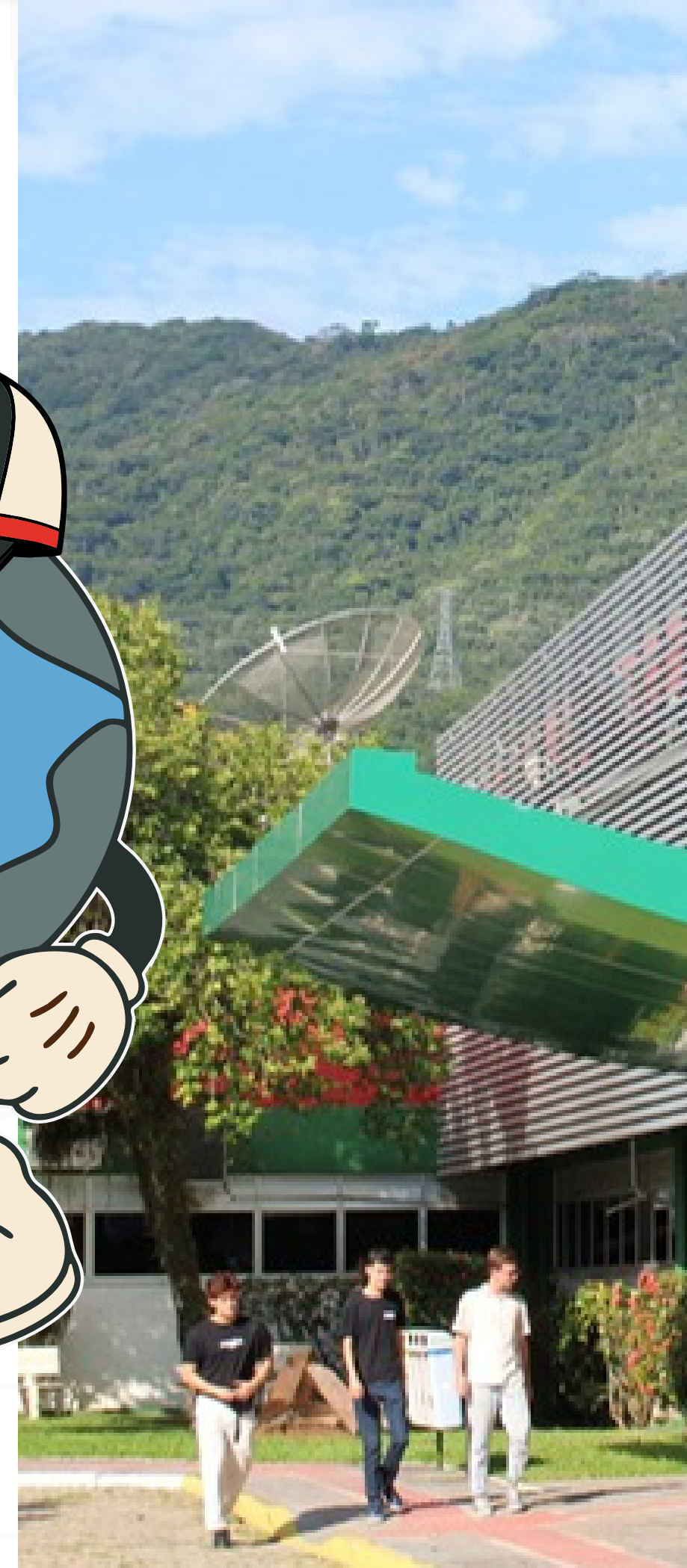
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Welcome to Udesc.

Your exchange journey starts here!

This short guide will help you with your first steps at Udesc and in Brazil.



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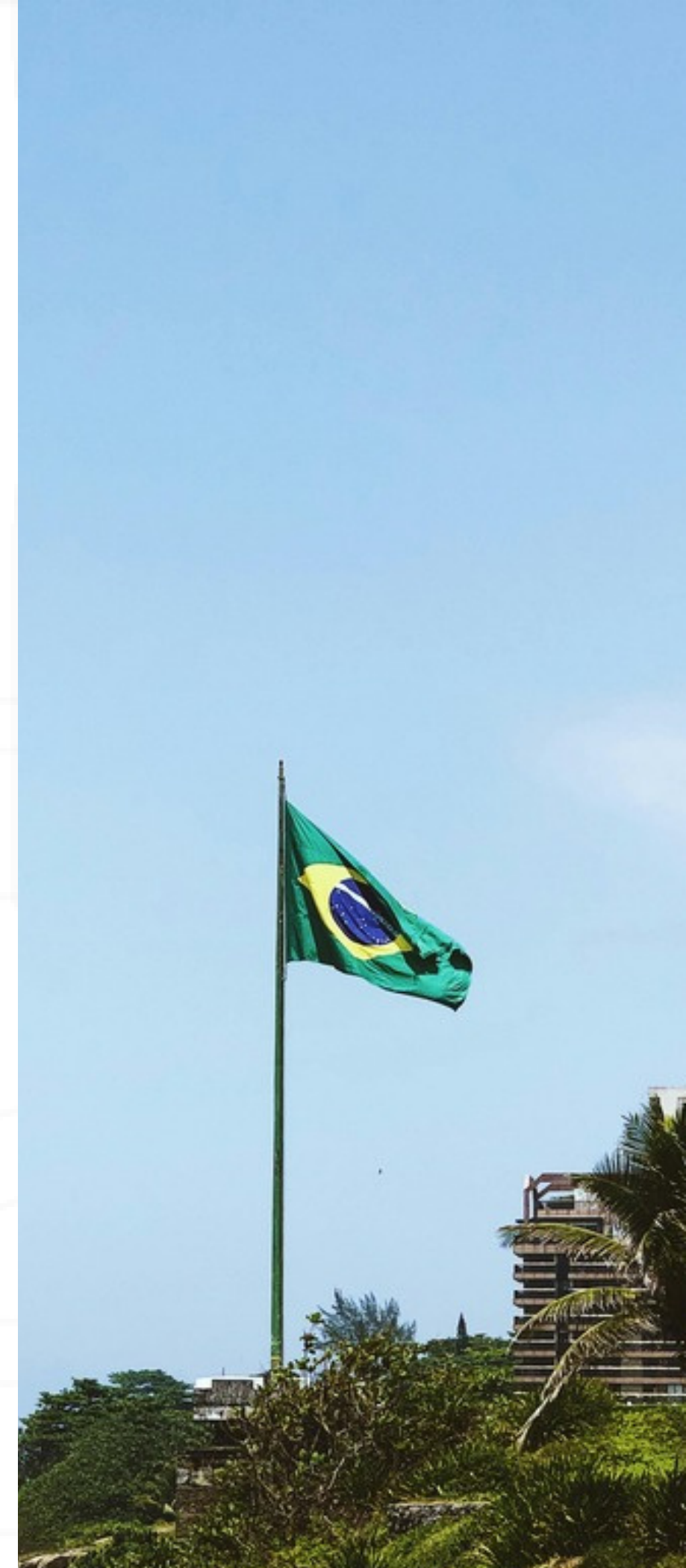
Here are Brazil's emergency numbers.

Emergency numbers

- Police: **190**
- Ambulance: **192**
- Fire Department: **193**

About Brazil ²

Brazil is the largest country in South America and the fifth-largest in the world by area and population. Known for its cultural diversity and natural beauty, Brazil offers a unique blend of Indigenous, African, European, and Asian influences.





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About Brazil

The official language is **Portuguese**, and the currency is the **Brazilian Real (BRL)**. Weather and culture vary widely depending on the region. In the south, winters can be chilly, while summers are hot and humid.



About Santa

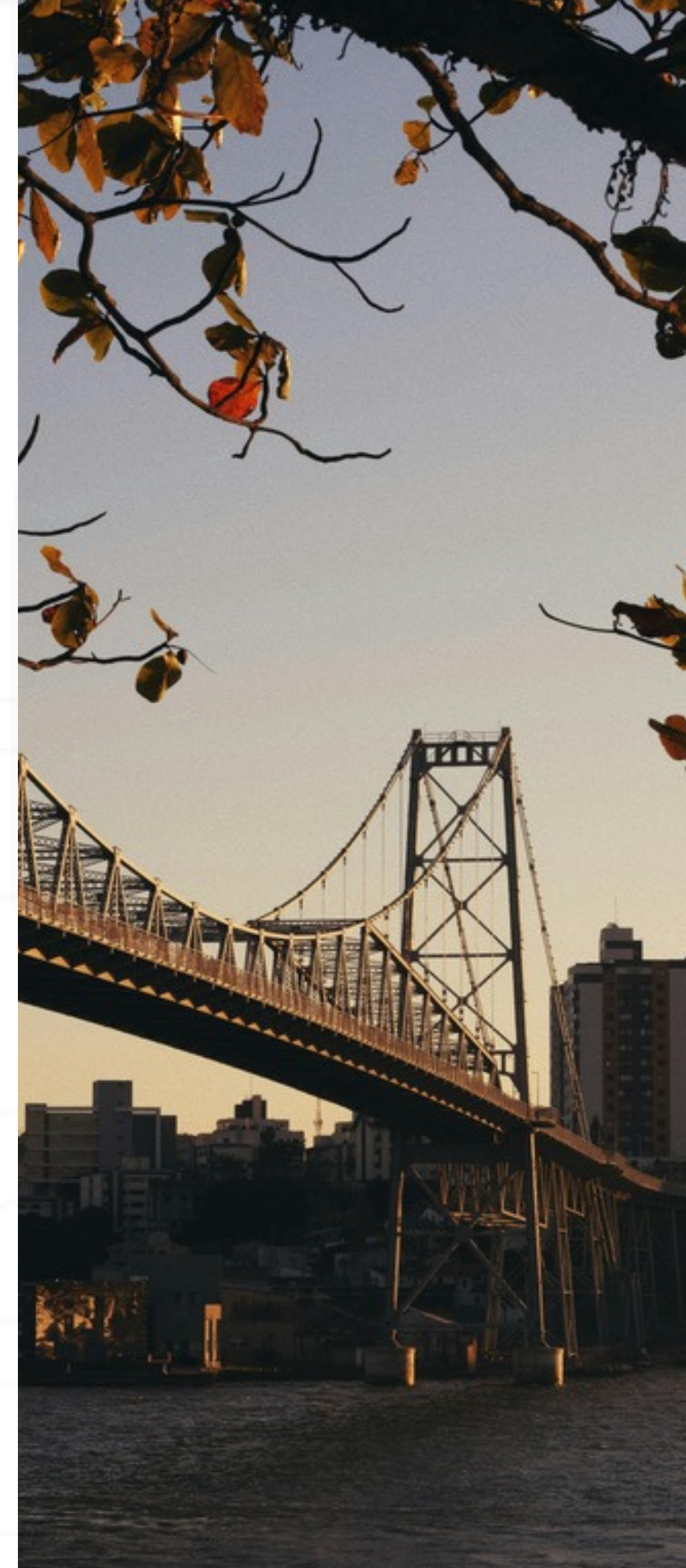
3 Catarina

Santa Catarina is a beautiful state located in the **southern region** of Brazil, known for its diverse landscapes that include stunning beaches, lush mountains, and charming historic towns. The state offers a high quality of life, with a safe environment, excellent infrastructure, and a welcoming, multicultural population.

About Santa Catarina

Cities like **Florianópolis**, the state capital, are vibrant hubs of culture, technology, and education, making them ideal places for international students to live and study.

Santa Catarina is also famous for its **rich cultural heritage**, combining influences from German, Italian, and Azorean immigrants, which you can experience through local festivals, cuisine, and traditions.



About Santa Catarina

Whether you enjoy outdoor activities, cultural events, or exploring new places, Santa Catarina provides a **warm and inspiring setting** for your academic journey!



About Udesc

The Santa Catarina State University (Udesc) is a **public**, **tuition-free**, and **high-quality institution** committed to accessible and inclusive education.





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About Udesc

With a **multicampus structure**, Udesc has research and extension activities distributed across different regions of the state, helping promote regional development and expand educational opportunities.

The university plays a key role in training professionals and fostering innovation, always guided by its commitment to the **social, cultural, and economic advancement** of Santa Catarina and the well-being of its population.

Academic Life 5

Here are some useful information about your academic life at Udesc.

Academic calendar:

March–July (**1st semester**), August–December (**2nd semester**)

Platforms:

- **SIGA:** Course registration and grades
- **Moodle:** Learning management system



Academic Life 5

- The minimum attendance required is 75% per course
- Professors expect punctuality and student participation
- To pass a course and receive credits at Udesc, the minimum final grade students must achieve has to be between 7.0 and 10.0
- Grades and credit equivalence: [Click here](#)



Facilities 6

Udesc provides a variety of facilities and services across its campuses to support learning, research, and student well-being.





6 Facilities

University Libraries (BU)

The University Libraries (BU) are spread across 11 academic centers and connected through the Pergamum system, allowing access to shared resources.

They offer individual and group study rooms, free Wi-Fi, public computers, and access to e-books, theses, dissertations, and academic journals.

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University Restaurants (RU)

The University Restaurants (RU) operate in several campuses like Florianópolis, Joinville and Lages, serving subsidized meals for students at an accessible price. Some units offer both lunch and dinner, and the menus are announced weekly in advance.





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Free Internet

Udesc also provides internet resources, with free Wi-Fi available in the libraries and in most campuses areas, as well as multiple computer labs dedicated to academic work.

Facilities 6

Health and Well-Being

For sports and health, some campuses feature sports courts, gyms, and recreational spaces, alongside cultural areas where events and student activities take place.

Udesc also provides a psychological counseling service, offering free remote sessions with licensed psychologists, with up to eight sessions per year. Students can contact their academic center to apply and check availability.



Buddy Program 7

At Udesc, we offer an optional Buddy Program to help international students adapt to their first days in Brazil and at the university.

The program is based on voluntary participation of local students who are interested in welcoming and supporting incoming students. When available, a “buddy” may get in touch before your arrival to share practical information about **the university, the city, and everyday life in Brazil.**



Buddy Program

Buddies may also offer general guidance, such as:

- Basic orientation about Udesc and the International Office (SCII)
- Tips on transportation and how to use the local bus card (Passe Rápido)
- Information about accommodation options for the first days
- General advice to help you settle in

Important: Even when a buddy is available (as it depends on the availability and voluntary engagement of Udesc students), the **International Office (SCII) will remain your main point of contact at the university** for administrative and bureaucratic matters.

Important Documents 8

After you have completed the procedures for your student visa and arrived in Brazil, it is necessary to gather **a set of documents** and present them to the Federal Police.

It is important that these documents are **sent by email to SCII** so that we can assist you by requesting the appointment scheduling directly with the Federal Police. The appointment at the Federal Police will ensure that you have authorization to reside in Brazil during your exchange. This way, if you need to leave and re-enter Brazil during your stay, you will not face any issues with immigration.



Important Documents

1. Residence Authorization Form 

2. Declaration of Electronic Address 

3. Travel document or official identity document under the terms of treaties to which the country is a party (PASSPORT COPY)

4. Full Visa Form

5. Proof of payment of the CRNM issue fee 

In the field "Código Receita STN," use 140120, and in the area "Valor Total", use R\$ 204,77

6. Proof of address (WATER, LIGHT, TELEPHONE BILL)

If the receipt is on behalf of a third party, also present the holder's declaration signed

7. Proof of legal entry into the country (VISA)



Important Documents 8

Attention!

Forms **must** be filled in **legible letters**;

Don't forget to **sign and date** all checklist statements;

All requested documentation must be sent in a single file in PDF format using the **order listed** in the checklist;

Public Transportation 9

In Santa Catarina, each city operates its own public bus system, and international students are usually entitled to a student transportation card, which offers discounted fares.

To access this benefit, you will need to apply for the student card in the city where you are living, as the requirements and procedures vary from one municipality to another.



Public Transportation 9

Make sure to check the local transportation website or office for specific instructions.

Florianópolis

www.consorciofenix.com.br

Joinville

onibus.info/joinville

Laguna

www.lagunatur.com.br



To issue your student pass, you will need to carry with you your **ID**,
Udesc enrollment certificate and **Proof of Address**.

Housing 10

Udesc does not provide student housing.

When choosing where to live, location and access to Udesc campuses are key. Many students choose to share apartments with roommates to reduce costs and build community.

Some also prefer to stay in an Airbnb or short-term rental during their first days in Brazil while they search for more permanent housing. In all cities, options range from shared flats to student residences, and prices may vary depending on the neighborhood, size, and amenities.

Housing

In **Florianópolis**, students attending the main campuses (FAED, ESAG, CEART) often live in Trindade, Pantanal, Carvoeira, Santa Mônica, Lagoa da Conceição and Itacorubi — all close to campus and well served by public transport.

In **Joinville**, popular neighborhoods for students are Bom Retiro, Saguazu, América, and Atiradores, which offer a mix of residential calm and proximity to Udesc's campus.

In **Laguna**, most students stay in or near the Centro, Mar Grosso, or Mato Alto neighborhoods, which are close to the university facilities and the beach.

Food and Groceries

In Brazil, **lunch** is typically the main meal. Meals often include rice, beans, meat, vegetables, and salad. You'll find:

- **Supermarkets** like Angeloni, Giassi, Hiperbom, Imperatriz
- Farmers' markets (**feiras**) for fresh produce
- **Credit/debit cards** and **PIX** (instant bank transfer) are widely accepted

12 Health

Brazil's public healthcare system, known as **SUS** (Sistema Único de Saúde), offers free medical services to everyone in the country, including foreigners. You can access care at Basic Health Units (UBS) for general consultations, vaccinations, and certain medications.

To use SUS, bring your **passport** and your **CRNM** or protocol document. While SUS is an important and inclusive system, **waiting times can be long** and service availability may vary depending on the location. Therefore, many international students prefer using private clinics for faster and more convenient care.

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Private Clinics

These typically offer quicker service and are often covered by international or travel health insurance. It's recommended that you arrive in Brazil with **valid health coverage** that includes both general medical care and emergency services.

Banks and Money

In Brazil, the official currency is the **Real (BRL)**.

Most banks offer digital banking apps, some also in English. ATMs are available on and off campus, but not all accept international cards.

Payment systems like **Pix** (instant transfers) are really popular and widely accepted if you have a Brazilian bank account. Exchange services are found in airports, malls, and exchange bureaus.

Useful Apps

To make daily life easier during your stay in Brazil, here are some recommended apps:

Transport

- **Moovit:** Public transport navigation, route planning, and real-time updates
- **Floripanoponto:** Specific for Florianópolis buses, with schedules and routes
- **Uber / 99Pop:** Ride-hailing services for convenient city travel

Food

- **iFood / Rappi:** Food and grocery delivery apps

Useful Apps

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Banking/Payments

- **Banco do Brasil, Bradesco, Nubank:** Manage accounts and payments digitally

Communication

- **WhatsApp:** Main messaging app in Brazil
- **Google Translate:** Translate texts and conversations instantly

If you have any questions or need support during your exchange, the International Office (SCII) is here to help you!

For more information, visit our official website in english:

www.udesc.br/international