



CATÓLICA PORTO
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF PORTUGAL

Catholic University of Portugal Porto, Portugal

The [Catholic University of Portugal](#) in Porto began its activities in 1978 with the College of Law and comprises, at present, 13 degree programs, distributed among the two campuses situated in the city of Porto: The Asprela and the Foz Campus. On those campuses there are eight Schools, but the School of Economics and Management is located on the “Foz Campus” by the “Foz Velha”. The



[School of Economics and Management of Católica University](#) is an innovative school in the field of economics and management, with a very close link to the business environment and with a wide network of partnerships that foster international mobility. Católica University's reputation is a great asset and their graduates are recognized by the job market as having a comprehensive and solid portfolio of skills and knowledge, which enables them to aspire to successful professional and academic careers. If you are interested in this university please click [here](#) to watch a promotional video on the school.

More info about courses:

Undergraduate: <http://www.catholicabs.porto.ucp.pt/en/international-mobility>

Master: <http://www.catholicabs.porto.ucp.pt/en/international-mobility>



The Country

[Portugal](#) is a unitary semi-presidential republic. It is located in South-Western Europe, on the Iberian Peninsula, and it is the westernmost country of mainland Europe, being bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west and south and by Spain to the north and east. Portugal is considered a developed country with an advanced and high living standards, listed with the nineteen the quality of life index rating in the world as of 2005. It's one of the world's most globalized and peaceful nations and is among the 20 most visited countries in the world. According to the 2011 Census, 81.0% of the Portuguese population are Roman Catholic.

The City

[Porto](#) is the second-largest city in Portugal, after Lisbon. The urban area of Porto, which extends beyond the administrative limits of the city, has a population of 1.3 million. Located along the Douro river estuary in northern Portugal, Porto is one of the oldest European centers. It is known for its thick and sweet wine Porto produced in the wine cellars of (Adegas) Old Town along the river, in Vila Nova de Gaia. Porto features the Mediterranean climate. As a result, its climate shares many characteristics with the coastal south: warm, dry summers and mild, rainy winters.



Some of major events in Porto are Queima das Fitas for students (an average of 50 000) and that lasts one week. Basically, they try to have as much fun as possible. There are a lot of great places to visit in Porto, like Porto's Stunning Skyline from Cais de Gaia, Casa da Musica, Porto's architectural marvel, Palacio di Bolsa, Dom Luis Bridge, Sao Bento Station, etc.

Student life

[Students](#) have a lot of restaurants and snake bars on the “Foz campus” There are two coffee shops where they can have light meals: the “School of Arts Coffee Shop”. The University for Person Full Development is aimed at the University Community (one of the eight universities on campus) and its goal is to contribute to the person cultural, artistic, spiritual, and social and solidary development. Also, there is a musical group, formed by students, named Tuna, whose natural ability is to sing serenades to beautiful girls, all night long.

Estimated Expenses

Rough Expense Comparison	Semester at ZSEM	Semester at Catholic University of Portugal
Health Insurance	---	---
Airfare	---	351 EUR
Housing/Utilities*	287 EUR	295 EUR
Internet/cable*	28 EUR	23 EUR
Food*	177 EUR	141 EUR
Books	Included	Depends
Transportation*	16 EUR	35 EUR

Visa	---	---
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*per month

http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/city_result.jsp?country=Portugal&city=Porto

Accommodation

[The Catholic University of Portugal](#) in Porto, has no on campus Student Residences. It does, however, offer several private accommodation options adjusted to the students' needs. To ensure you will find the best option, they suggest you refer your need for accommodation, in the early contacts with the International Office. They also suggest you consult Student at Home (our partner for accommodation issues) [website](#).

Travel opportunities

Porto has always been a mercantile city, and this is evident in the style of the buildings lining the *Avenida dos Aliados*, the core of the downtown area. The first place to begin with is the Ribeira, the part of the city near the river, which is also a good place to start visiting the World Heritage area; to the other side of the river you will see the Ribeira de Gaia, a similar area from the city of Vila Nova de Gaia and where you could find the Port Wine Cellars. Next go up to the São Francisco church and the Stock Exchange palace nearby, where you



can visit the most impressive Arab room in the country. The world known Modern Art museum at Serralves and the Casa da Música (House of Music) concert hall live in the area known as Boavista. From there you can reach the amazing ocean front drive, known as "Foz". Next the Aliados and the City Hall and finally the 6 bridges connecting Porto to Gaia over the Douro river, many of them providing an excellent view to the river. Porto is a mysterious city that reveals its charm to the visitor through time. Here is a short video of all places in Porto: [Opportunity city](#).

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