

Guide for International Students

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Welcome to Univille!



Congratulations on choosing Univille for your studies abroad. It's with great pleasure that we welcome you!!

We hope that this period will be the beginning of a great time full of rewarding experiences.

Getting to know new people and places is an exciting experience and opens one's minds beyond borders.

We look forward to welcoming you and sincerely hope your stay in Joinville will be a pleasant and remarkable one.

This guide has been created to facilitate your arrival and stay. We are gratified that you have chosen Univille and we are ready to help with whatever you may need.

International Office



Mission

To promote, as a community university, humanistic, scientific, and professional education for society through teaching, research and extension, committed to social-environmental sustainability.

Vision

To be nationally recognized as a community university that is sustainable, innovative, entrepreneurial, internationalized, and a reference in teaching, research and extension programs.

Welcome Santa Catarina, Brazil!

Brazil is a vast and diverse country.

Exploring its different regions feels like discovering many distinct cultures and landscapes within a single nation.



Univille is located in the south of Brazil, with its main campus in **Joinville**, approximately 530 kilometers from São Paulo. You can travel from São Paulo to Joinville easily in a 45 minutes plane. The university also has campuses in **São Bento do Sul**, a mountain town about 80 kilometers from Joinville, and **São Francisco do Sul**, a coastal city located 45 kilometers away.



Joinville

Joinville, the largest city in Santa Catarina with around 600,000 residents, is known as the "**City of Flowers**" and "**City of Dance**", blending strong industry with rich European heritage and a vibrant cultural scene.

The city hosts **amazing events** all year round, like the Joinville Dance Festival (the world's largest!), the colorful Flower Festival, and the magical Christmas Festival.

But there's more than just events. If you're into history and art, check out places like the National Museum of Immigration and the Juarez Machado Institute. For stunning views, hike up to the Mirante do Morro do Boa Vista, and if you love nature, explore the Zoo Botanical Park, and the nearby rivers, waterfalls, and green areas.

When the sun goes down, Joinville comes alive. The downtown area is packed with restaurants, bars, and clubs, offering everything from local favorites to international dishes. The "Via Gastronômica" is just one of the many great spots to eat well and enjoy the night.

Whether you're into art, nature, or just good food and music, Joinville has a bit of everything, and a warm, welcoming vibe. Check out more details about events and places to visit at this link:

<https://www.visitejoinville.com.br/en>



São Bento do Sul

São Bento do Sul is a charming city located in the mountains of southern Brazil.

With approximated population of 86,000 inhabitants, it is known for its strong German heritage, cool climate, and beautiful natural landscapes. The city offers a peaceful and culturally rich environment



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São Francisco do Sul

São Francisco do Sul is a beautiful coastal city in southern Brazil, with around 50,000 residents. As one of the oldest cities in the country, it has a charming historic downtown full of colonial architecture and cultural heritage. The city is well known for its carnival festival with samba's schools parade, float bands, samba dancers, carnival T-shirts and crowded streets in February/March.

Known for its historic charm and vibrant culture, it's also famous for stunning beaches like Prainha, Praia Grande, Enseada, perfect spots to relax, surf, and enjoy the ocean breeze. Whether you want to study, explore, or just soak up the sun, São Francisco do Sul offers a laid-back vibe and plenty of natural beauty.



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Nearby cities and its main attractions:

Jaraguá do Sul (Around 55 km from Joinville) hosts festivals like the **Schützenfest**, full of music, food, and folk traditions, and it also has a growing creative scene. With hiking trails, museums, and a peaceful atmosphere, Jaraguá do Sul is a great spot to explore, and enjoy nature.

Penha (Around 60 km from Joinville) is a small coastal town in Santa Catarina known for its beautiful beaches and relaxed atmosphere. It's home to **Beto Carrero World**, the largest theme park in Latin America, which brings in visitors from all over the country.

With over 20 beaches, Penha is a great spot for surfing, swimming, or just enjoying the sun. Whether you're into adventure or just want to chill by the sea, Penha is all about fun and nature.

Blumenau (About 130 km from Joinville) is a charming city in southern Brazil, famous for its strong German heritage and cozy Alpine-style architecture. With a vibrant cultural scene and events like the **Oktoberfest**, one of the biggest German festivals outside Germany, the city blends tradition, food, and fun.

Currency

The monetary unit in Brazil is the **REAL (R\$)** and the current exchange rate can be obtained from banks and websites. International credit cards are accepted in most of the hotels, restaurants, stores and travel agencies, among others. We also recommend the use of international cards as Wise, due to its practice and low conversion rates. It is possible to find a currency converter at the Wise:

<https://wise.com/br/currency-converter/>

Approximate cost of living in Joinville, Brazil

Housing:

- Shared room (or apartment): *R\$600 to R\$1,200*
- 1-bedroom apartment (if living alone): *R\$1,150 to R\$1,550* (depending on chosen location, near the downtown is more expensive).

Food:

- Inexpensive meal at a restaurant: *R\$25 to R\$40*
- Monthly grocery expenses: *R\$400 to R\$700* (depending on eating habits)

Transportation:

- Monthly public transportation pass: *R\$6,25 per pass – cca. R\$275 per month*
- Gasoline (if using a personal car): *R\$6.38 per liter (average)*

Approximate cost of living in Joinville, Brazil

Utilities (for an 85m² apartment, including internet):

- Average monthly cost: R\$436 (water, electricity, gas, internet)

Leisure:

- Cinema ticket: R\$20 to R\$30
- Social outings and events (monthly): cca. R\$150 to R\$300

Attention: These are approximate costs and may vary based on individual lifestyle and market changes.



Univille,

The University of the Joinville Region – Univille is **pioneer in higher education in Joinville**, the largest city of the state of Santa Catarina. The institution has long history in permanent education, from elementary school to undergraduate and graduate courses among teaching, research and extension projects. Univille is a community university and non-profit institution that has been contributing to the social and economic development of the region for **60 years** (2025).

Currently, we have around 45 agreements signed with foreign institutions globally, which facilitate academic mobility, virtual exchanges, collaborative projects, research, international among other activities.

Univille at a glance

- +8000 students
- 620 professors
- 72 undergraduate courses
- 38 specialization courses
- 7 master's degrees
- 4 PhD degrees

Undergraduate Studies

More than 70 courses placed into four areas are offered in undergraduate studies backed by a modern technological infrastructure. Ongoing teacher qualification, together with the encouragement of research and extension activities provide full educational training for professionals in different areas, seeking to respond to the challenges of modern life and the constantly evolving work market.

Area of Socioeconomic Sciences and Hospitality offers:

- Business Administration
- Accounting Science
- Economic Sciences
- International Business
- Gastronomy
- Commercial Management (Technologist Diploma)
- Quality management (Technologist Diploma)
- Advertising and Marketing
- International Relations



Exact Sciences, Engineering, Architecture and Design offers:

- Architecture and Urbanism
- Design
- Environmental and Sanitary Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Production Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Information Systems

Human Sciences and Legal Sciences offers:

- Visual Arts
- Biological Sciences (Teaching degree)
- Law
- Physical Education (Teaching degree)
- Quilombola School Education (Teaching degree)
- Special Education
- Religious Sciences
- History (Teaching degree)
- Languages
- Portuguese and English Languages (Teaching degree)
- English Languages (Teaching degree)
- Pedagogy (Teaching degree)
- Chemistry (Teaching degree)

Health Sciences and Biological Sciences offers:

- Biological Sciences – Biodiversity and Environment
- Biological Sciences – Marine Biology
- Physical Education
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Medicine
- Naturology
- Dentistry
- Psychology
- Physiotherapy

Graduate Studies

There are two types of graduate studies in Brazil:

- Lato Sensu (specialized studies)
- Stricto Sensu (master's degree and doctorate)

Specialized Studies

Univille offers specialized studies in the areas of Management, Engineering, Education, Law, Design, Healty, MBA. Check out the courses offered through our website: **www.pos.univille.br**

Master's Degree and Doctorate

Currently, the University offers seven master's degree and four doctorate programs all of which have been accredited by Capes – Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento Pessoal de Nivel Superior (Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel), a body from the Ministry of Education responsible for regulation and periodic evaluation of these courses.

For more information check the website: **www.univille.br/ppg**

- Master's and Doctorate in Health and Environment
- Master's and Doctorate in Cultural Heritage and Society
- Master's and Doctorate in Education
- Professional Master's and Doctorate in Design
- Professional Master in Contemporary Communication and Mediations
- Master's in Process Engineering
- Master's in Production Systems

International Research

Innovative learning practices and the interrelation among teaching, research and local, national and international community open new horizons for the scientific production of the University. Nowadays, Univille has research groups in many areas enrolled at the National Board for Technological and Scientific Development (CNPq – Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico) and connections with renowned universities and research bodies worldwide.

You are welcome to join our research projects, see the list of current projects at **www.univilleinternational.com**. For more information contact the International Office.





Community Outreach Projects and Programs

Community outreach projects is a way of communicating and socializing with the community the knowledge spread through teaching and research. In addition, is way to encourage university students to contribute as citizens, to learn more about the resources of the society in which they live, to interact and to build new knowledge.

We invite you to join our community outreach projects. There're projects in all fields of knowledge. See more information at **www.univilleinternational.com**. For more information contact the International Office.

University Facilities and Services

Univille boasts modern and cutting-edge infrastructure and several services with laboratories, health care centers, a pharmacy, a library among others to facilitate our student's life.

Student Support

Student Support helps the student to organize his/her personal and academic life. It also offers psychological help and orientation with any personal problems. Student Support also helps students to find accommodation near campus.

Dental Clinics

Emergency, preventive, surgical and reconstructive dental procedures are performed for children, teenagers, adults and patients with special needs.

Psychological Services

Univille Psychological Services provides free services for students. Psychological Services is directly connected with the Psychology course and activities are carried out by course students and by supervising professors in the clinical, educational, organizational and occupational health areas.

Library

The university library is located in the main campus. It contains thousands of books, virtual libraries and research platforms. All material in the Library is listed in the Library's electronic catalogues which provides quick and easy access from any computer. The student library card is required when borrowing materials from the library. This card can also be used as a student card and it can be obtained from the International Office. Inside the library there's a coworking space where you can study and also rent for work activities.

Computer Center

There are many facilities with computer and internet access. Students can use these services during the week by appointment. To get your password and credentials, you should contact the International Office.

Sports

Univille offers modern sports facilities with gym, swimming pool, running track and rooms for specific physical activities. There are many sports groups at the university: indoor football, volleyball, gymnastics, dance, stretching, judo, basketball.

Banks

The main campus has a Santander agency and an ATM that operate 24/7.

DCE – Student Center

The DCE is a center run by and for students. It will help you with any questions you may have during your stay at the university.

Events

Univille is the entrance door to events taking place in the municipalities around Joinville, such as speeches, courses, fairs, meetings conferences and seminars that bring new knowledge and which offer topics for discussion in the most varied areas.

Other facilities

School pharmacy, botanical garden, Innovation Park (Inovapark), and several areas for study, relaxing and socialization surrounding green spaces.



International Office

The International Office is the focal point for all international activities at Univille. It is the sector which represents Univille internationally.

We are committed to ensuring that our international students get the most from their time spent at Univille. We are responsible to provide specific advice and information regarding application forms, learning agreements, housing and language courses, among others.

Welcoming international students, professors and researchers from all over the world and offering them all possible support is not just a mission, it is our pleasure. **You can count on us before, while and after your stay at Univille!**

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Studying Abroad – Admission Process

Undergraduate students

Before applying to Univille, the international student needs to contact the International Office of his/her own University and check if the institution has an agreement with us. If so, the university will contact us and the International Office will send the application forms to you. The international university will then return the application forms to Univille for analysis by our International Office.

If the application is approved, the International Office will send a letter of acceptance to the international student.

Graduate students

Graduate international students can apply to study, conduct research or participate in community outreach projects directly to the International Office. It's recommended the student's institution and Univille holds an agreement, but not mandatory. If you apply for research, previously contact your potential supervisor at Univille to get his approval.

If the supervisor approves the application the International Office will send an email with further instructions about necessary documentation and preparation to travel.

Accommodation

Once the admission process has been accepted and approved by the course Coordinators, and necessary authorities the student needs to state if he/she wants the International Office to arrange accommodation. The University does not have dormitories on campus and normally the foreign students participate in the Host Family Program, the purpose of which is to connect people with other cultures and facilitate students' lives. In this case, the International Office selects families and advises the students to contact family members. For more detailed information, the student must contact the International Office.

Registration at Univille

In order to register to study, to do research or internship at Univille, the student needs to send a digital copy of several documents. Please contact the International Office for information.

On arriving at Univille, the student will be required to sign the registration agreement at the Centro de Atendimento Acadêmico (Academic Center). After, the student will have access to all university facilities as computer labs, library, gym, etc.

Course Equivalences

At the end of the study period at Univille, the International Office sends the Course Report to the foreign university, together with any other document necessary for performing equivalences.

Language requirements

An intermediate **level B2** of knowledge in the Portuguese language is recommended (according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)), if the international student will take classes at Univille, as all classes are taught in this idiom. The following website tests a person's level in the Portuguese language:

http://www.languagetrainers.com/language_tests/portuguese_level_test.php

If the student will conduct research or internship English, Spanish or other language according to the professor supervisor language capabilities may be accepted.



Check everything you will need for a **safe trip**.

Before leaving home...

- Identity Card
- Passport
- Visa for Brazil
- Copy of the Acceptance Letter from the university
- Copy of the Insurance
- Credit Card and/or Money
- Copy of the Agreement of Studies
- Address and Phone number of the Brazilian University
- Study Portuguese
- Inform the International Office of the date of arrival
- Rent a place and transfer the deposit

Don't miss the deadlines!

Remember!

- Temperatures can vary greatly depending on where you are in the world. It is therefore suggested that you check out the current season in advance in order to know what to pack in your luggage.

My first steps at Univille...

- Register at the Federal Police within 10 workdays
- Contact Univille's International Office on arrival
- Sign the registration at the CAA – Academic Center
- Schedule a visit around the Campus with the International Office

Before Leaving Univille...

- Notify Univille's International Office at least two weeks prior to departure date.
- Notify your University International Office of the date of your departure.
- Pay any pending bills and close bank accounts.
- Make sure you have all your documents and belongings.

General Information

Student Visa

This visa is required by the **Brazilian Federal Government** for students entering the country to study. Information regarding this visa must be obtained from a Brazilian Embassy/Consulate in the student's country as this visa must be obtained in advance and the process can take some time.

Once the student has been accepted for the Exchange Program at Univille, he/she needs to submit the Acceptance Letter from the International Office to Brazilian Embassy/Consulate in order to get the student visa.

More information about visa you can find in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil website:
www.gov.br/mre/pt-br



General Information

Health Insurance

You need to get a private international health insurance cover to enroll at our university. The insurance should include coverage for medical evacuation, medical repatriation, as well as insurance coverage for illness, injury and disability.



Evaluation System

Approval at Univille is granted according to the general by-laws of the University, articles 78 to 81, as follows:

1. For undergraduate courses, there must be at least four partial evaluations and two other evaluations in each subject plus a final exam, when necessary;
2. The average grade must be equal to or above 7 (seven) in the partial evaluation. Should the student achieve this grade he/she will be exempt from the final exam;
3. Any student who fails to reach an average grade of 3 (three) in the partial evaluation in each subject or who does not attend classes will not be eligible to take the final exam;
4. To obtain the final average grade in each subject, the average grade will be added to the grade of the exam and to the average grade of the partial evaluations, and the result will be divided by 2 (two);
5. The student will be approved in the subject if he/she obtains a final grade equal to or above 5 (five) with at least 75% class attendance during the academic year.
6. The classes at Univille are all conducted in Portuguese.

ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) is the credit system used in Europe.

At Univille, 1 ECTS is equivalent to **25 hours**/class.

Useful Links

There are websites designed to facilitate information for students who are interested in attending foreign institutions. Information includes visas, scholarships, exchange programs, travel and culture among others.

Here are some of these websites:

- **Fórum de Assessorias das Universidades Brasileiras para Assuntos Internacionais (Faubai) (Counseling of Brazilian Universities for International Affairs):**

www.belta.org.br/faubai/br/index;

- **Ministry of Education – MEC**

www.portal.mec.gov.br

- **Ministry of External Affairs**

www.mre.gov.br

- **Embassies and Consulates**

www.consulados.com.br

- **Brazilian Federal Police**

www.dpf.gov.br

- **General Legal Information: Embassy World**

www.embassyworld.com

- **Joinville:**

calendario.sol.sc.gov.br

turjoinville.com.br

www.guiasantacatarina.com.br/joinville

www.turjoinville.com.br

- **Brazilian Culture**

www.everyculture.com/Bo-Co/Brazil.html

- **Hostels**

www.hostelworld.com

www.albergues.com.br

- **Portuguese Language Level**

www.languagetrainers.com/language_tests/portuguese_level_test.php

www.omniglot.com/language/phrases/portuguese_br.php



An aerial photograph of the Univille campus, showing various buildings, a large sports field, and surrounding greenery. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a clear sky. The entire image has a blue tint.

Addresses of Offices and Phone Numbers

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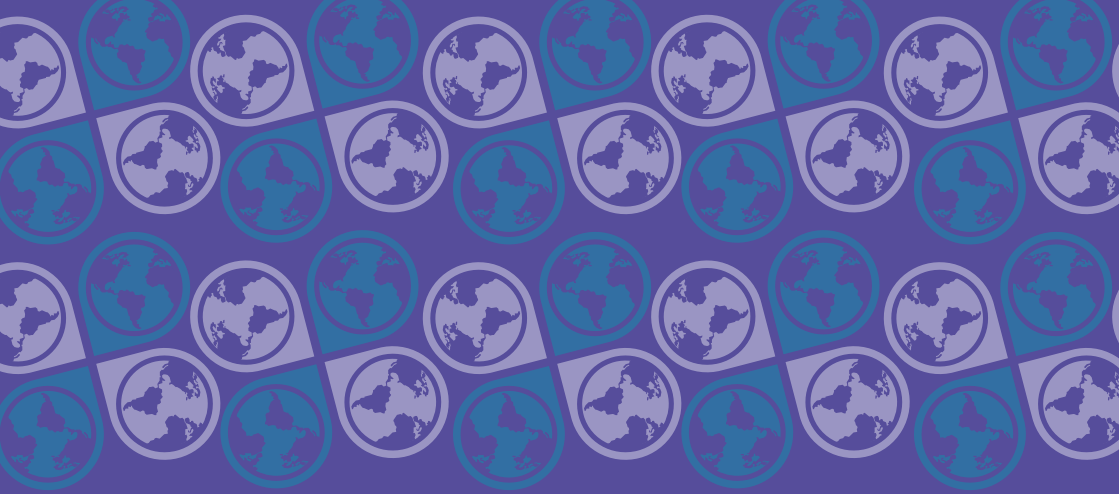
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- Police Department – 190
- Hospital Emergency – 193
- Federal Police – (55 47) 3431.6800



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