



# University Partnerships: University of Minho



## UNIVERSITY OF MINHO

### *The University:*

The University of Minho, founded in 1973, changed the landscape of higher education in Portugal. Located in the Minho region, known for its economic activity and the youth of its population, the university is playing a role in the development of the region. With over 19,000 students, 1,300 professors and 600 employees, UM is one of the largest Portuguese universities. As of 2013, the University of Minho appears on the ranking of Times Higher Education as one of the 100 best universities of the world under the age of 50.

### *Semester Dates:*

Fall Semester: September-February

Summer Semester: February-July

## WHY STUDY IN PORTUGAL?

Braga is one of the youngest cities in Europe but also one of the oldest Portuguese cities and one of the oldest Christian cities in Europe. This history, coupled with the beautiful architecture and culture in the city, make it a dynamic and energetic city. Braga offers unique cultural and leisure opportunities in the country, with its nightlife, cinemas, theatres, exhibitions, museums and art galleries. It is a city full of culture and traditions, where history and religion coexist side by side with the technology industry and academic life.



## STUDENT LIFE

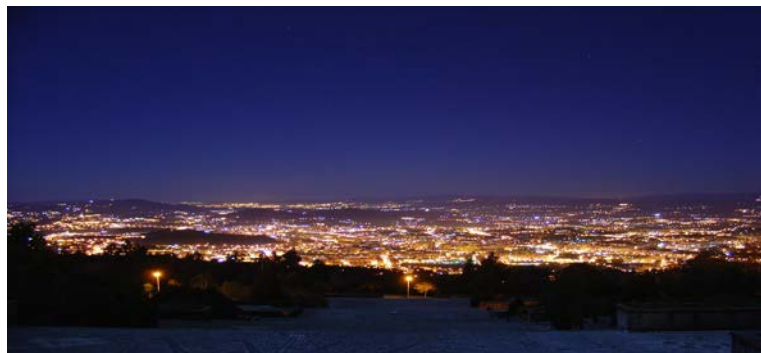
There is a great concern with welcoming and integrating new students, and a number of organizations to do that. There are various cultural, associative and sports activities developed by students through their students' groups, *tunas*, folk music, poetry and *fado*, among many others. The University of Minho Students' Union is also responsible for the organisation of large academic events, such as the Welcome Week for new students.



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## HOUSING

Whenever possible, students will stay at University Residences, but there is also, in some cases, the possibility of staying in student apartments or family houses. If the host university does not provide permanent housing (for example, when there are no University Residences), students should make a reservation for temporary accommodation and you will have to seek permanent accommodation on arrival, usually with the help of the host university, student associations and other associated entities (in these cases it is advisable to arrive early before the start of the semester). Double and single rooms are available.



## STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

**University Exchange Option:** Study abroad as an exchange student at the University of Minho and take part in the advancement of our relationship with a university overseas. *Tuition and fees to be paid directly to UMass Lowell, and the cost of housing to University of Minho.*