VISITOR GUIDE

Office of International Affairs (CRIInt)
FCF/USP
Welcome to FCF! The University of São Paulo's Pharmaceutical Sciences School was founded in 1898 and it pioneered the research and formation of professionals related to the pharmaceutical industry. FCF has four Departments - Food and Experimental Nutrition; Clinical and Toxicological Analyzes; Pharmacy; and Biochemical-Pharmaceutical Technology. In addition to the Pharmacy-Biochemistry undergraduate course, our institute also offers Post-Graduate Programs (Masters and Ph.D. levels), Post-Doctoral and Pharmacy Residency Programs, Scientific Initiation internships, as well as other activities such as specialization courses and Science outreach.

In this guide you will find important information for your visit.

If you have any questions, please contact us at FCF Office of International Affairs: crintfcf@usp.br.

We hope you enjoy your stay here!
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1.1 VISA

Once you have been accepted for an exchange period at University of São Paulo, the International Office will send you the Acceptance Letter, which is one of the necessary documents for the Visa, requested by the Brazilian Consulate at your home country. You must get a special type of visa to be able to enter in Brazil as a student: the TEMPORARY VISA ITEM IV - Student visa. Tourist or Work visas are not accepted to register the exchange student at USP.

Here are the most common documents requested by the Brazilian Consulate to get that visa:

- Passport valid for more than 6 (six) months from the intended date of entry in Brazil;
- 2 (two) copies of the visa application form filled in, dated and signed by the applicant;
- Original acceptance letter confirming the vacancy reservation, issued by Brazilian University;
- Proof of financial capacity. For those who have scholarship: a scholarship certificate stating the amount to be received monthly, as well as the duration of the fellowship. Non-scholarship holders: proof of financial capacity to cover the cost of during the stay in Brazil;
- 2 (two) recent photographs, front view and with a white background;
- Certificate of good report to be obtained by the foreigner at the local authority of his/her country;
- Insurance coverage valid for Brazil, and payment of repatriation to the country of origin, made by national insurance company, which covers the entire duration of stay in Brazil.
- Payment of fees.

The list of documents requested and the amounts of fees may have sudden changes, so it is important to check close to your intended use of it.

For further details and guidelines, contact the Embassy or Consulate of Brazil at your country:


Information taken from the website http://www.fearp.usp.br/pt-br/international.html
1.2 RNE (NATIONAL REGISTRY OF FOREIGNERS)

Exchange Students will have 30 (thirty) days from the date of arrival in Brazil to register with the Federal Police in the city where he/she will be based, in order to obtain the RNE (Registro Nacional de Estrangeiros), which is a mandatory identity card for foreigners. In the first months, until the definitive card is issued, a receipt (protocol) will be issued. This protocol is needed to obtain the CPF Number, to open a bank account, to obtain the Bilhete Único Card (for public transportation), and to the execution of other activities. It is also necessary for registration at graduate courses.

How do I apply for it?

The first steps are online and can be done before your departure to Brazil, at your country:

1) ONLINE APPLICATION: Access the Federal Police website (www.dpf.gov.br). In the column on the left you will find the item “Serviços”. Access the item “Estrangeiro” and then click on the option “Requerer Registro, Emissão, Renovação e Segunda Via de CIE”. Fill in with your personal data and print the form (step 1). You will need this document in order to schedule your interview at the Federal Police office.
2) PAY THE TAXES:

Two of the documents you must take with you for the interview are the receipts of two federal taxes. But first, you have to fill the taxes’ form (GRU - step 2).

- Click on “Gerar a GRU”, and then click on option 3: “Pessoas e entidades estrangeiras”, and fill in with your personal data.
- In the “Unidade Arrecadadora” line, select “SP (027-2) Superintendência Regional no Estado de São Paulo/SP”
- In the “Código da Receita STN” line, select “140082 – Registro de Estrangeiro”
- Click “Gerar Guia” and print it.

Then you must fill in again the same GRU with the following modifications:

- In the “Código da Receita” line, select “140120 – Carteira de Estrangeiro de 1ª Via”.
- Then click “Gerar Guia” and print this other guide.

You can pay the two taxes at any Brazilian bank agency.
3) SCHEDULE YOUR INTERVIEW:

On step 4, click on “Verifique aqui se existe agenda disponível”, in order to schedule your interview. You will need the application code, which you can find on the top of your filled Application Form.

4) ATTEND THE INTERVIEW:

And don’t forget to take with you the following documents:

- The application form that you printed online.
- 2 recent standard 3x4 color photos, taken on a white background, and undated.
- Valid passport and a notarized copy of it.
- The original sheet of your Visa application form, obtained in your home country.
- Proof of payment of R$ 204.77 (GRU 140120), for the RNE card.
- Proof of payment of R$ 106.45 (GRU 140082), concerning registration tax for foreigners.

You may be asked to present other documents, such as the USP letter of acceptance or invitation, the entry/exit form stamped by the immigration officer at the airport in Brazil, and a proof of residency. If you already have these documents, take them with you.
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1.3 CPF (CADASTRO DE PESSOA FÍSICA)

The CPF (Brazilian Social Security Number) is a document required in Brazil for several institutions, such as opening a bank account, registering a mobile phone number, acquisition of goods etc. To get a CPF number, the foreigner must go to any Banco do Brasil, Caixa Econômica Federal or Post Office branch, fill a form and pay a tax (around R$ 5.70). To accomplish this procedure, the foreigner must have the RNE number and the passport. After 72 hours the exchange student must go to any Receita Federal office with the following documents:

- Proof of payment for the tax;
- Passport and RNE;
- Proof of residence in Brazil, or a signed declaration from the responsible for the residence testifying that the foreigner resides at the address indicated in the document;
- Document with the parents names, if this information in not in the passport.

1.4 ACCOMODATION

USP does not have special accommodation facilities for foreigners, but we offer a list of accommodations and vacancies offered by families and students (enrolled and alumni) interested in receiving foreign students in their homes. Exchange students make their reservations and deal with financial matters directly with the owners.

The Social Service maintains this register of External residency, for consultation of workers, students and teachers, with offers of vacancies in pensions, republics and homestay in neighborhoods near the University City. The Service also manages the eventual lodging and reservations can be made by e-mail <eventual@usp.br>. For more information, please contact the Superintendência de Assistência Social (Social Welfare Superintendence - SAS) by e-mail <spe@usp.br> and <dps@usp.br>. The official website with the updated offers is the <http://sites.usp.br/sas/passe-escolar/>.
Suggestions of hostels for the first days in São Paulo:

In case of accommodation for immediate arrivals, FCF International Office has suggestions of hostels specialized in receiving exchange students:

**Sampa Hostel**
Address: Rua Girassol, 519, Vila Madalena - CEP 05433-000
Email: contato@sampahotel.com.br
Phone: 55 11 3034 1996
Website: www.sampahotel.com.br

**Girassol Hostel**
Address: Rua Purpurina, 199F, Vila Madalena
Phone: 55 11 2307-4494
E-mail: girassolhostel@gmail.com
Website: http://girassolhostel.wix.com/hostel

**Alice Hostel**
Address: Rua Harmonia, 1285, Vila Madalena - CEP 05435-001
Phone: 55 11 4324 7244
Whatsapp: +551992961733
Website: www.hostelalice.com.br

**Ô de Casa Hostel**
Address: Rua Inácio Pereira da Rocha, 385, Vila Madalena - CEP 05410-001
Email: info@odecasahostel.com
Phone: 55 11 3063 5216
Website: www.odecasahostel.com

**Ôkupe Hostel**
Address: Av Rebouças, 990, Jardim Paulista - CEP 05402-000
Email: reservas@okupe.net
Phone: 55 11 4304 0663
Whatsapp: +551974712876
Website: www.okupehostels.com/jardins/pt/ or http://okupehostelcoliving.com.br

**Praça da Árvore Hostel**
Address: Rua Pageú, 266, Praça da Árvore
Phone: 55 11 5071 5148
Whatsapp: +551981804529
Website: www.spalbergue.com.br
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1.5 HEALTH INSURANCE

During his/her stay in Brazil, the foreigner will be allowed to use the services of the Brazilian Public Health System only in case of emergency. For this reason, Universidade de São Paulo demands that students obtain health insurance (travel insurance), which should be purchased in their home country prior to their arrival in Brazil. The insurance policy must be valid for the entire period of intended stay in the country. The choice of one specific travel insurance or another is the student’s responsibility.

1.6 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- BILHETE ÚNICO: Exchange students can get the “Bilhete Único Escolar”, which connects buses and subway lines in the city of São Paulo and also allows the students to pay half-fare of bus and subway tickets. To acquire this card is necessary to have the RNE number and to be enrolled at USP. The student must go to the “Setor de Passe Escolar”, located at Rua do Anfiteatro, nº 295 – Cidade Universitária.

- BUSP: University of São Paulo provides internal and free buses for students. The “BUSP” connects the Butantã subway station to the Campus. All exchange students receive a card to have access to the Circular buses.
2. FACILITIES

2.1 PORTUGUESE FOR FOREIGNERS COURSE (INTENSIVE AND REGULAR COURSE)

The University of São Paulo offers regular and intensive Portuguese courses for foreigners, so that exchange students can improve their language skills while studying in Brazil. The Intensive course is given in the months of February and July, before the beginning of the semester. The Regular course is given during the semester, twice a week, 30 class hours. Both courses are offered for undergraduate and graduate exchange students and deal with both language and cultural aspects.


2.1 CEPEUSP (CENTRO DE PRÁTICAS ESPORTIVAS)

The “Centro de Práticas Esportivas” is a multisport complex, which offers a variety of activities such as Fitness, Capoeira, Swimming, Soccer, Volleyball, Judo, Karate, etc.

It has a gym, sports courts, pools, athletics track, soccer fields and rooms for other physical activities.

All exchange students can have access to the centre and also take part on the activities.

2.3 UNIVERSITY RESTAURANTS

The Campus Butantã has 4 (four) restaurants, which produces and distributes meals (lunch and dinner) at reasonable prices (R$2.00 for lunch and dinner and R$0.50 for breakfast).

Your RUCARD (USP Restaurant’s Credit Card) can be charged from Monday to Sunday between 8:00 am to 18:45 pm at the address: Rua do Anfiteatro, n° 295 or by the app “Cardápio USP”.

CENTRAL
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2.4 CHEMISTRY AND PHARMACEUTICAL LIBRARY

The University of São Paulo has 70 libraries installed in various units of education, museums and research institutes on various campi. These libraries make up USP’s Integrated System of Libraries (SIBi).

The Division of Library and Documentation of the Chemistry ensemble, University of São Paulo (USP-DBDCQ), is composed by the collections of the Institute of Chemistry and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Library. It is consisted by 108,535 registred volumes, including books, thesis and reviews. It occupies a total area of 3,473 m², offering users seven group study rooms, 25 computers for catalogs research and Internet databases.

In 2012, the Library services achieved these numbers: approximately 48,379 moved, loaned and consulted items, being 30,862 queries in printed collections and 17,517 collection works loans. Approximately 1,528 diverse forms of bibliographic exchange and 274 loan requests between libraries. Besides the traditional and classic activities, developed by DBDCQ, the units have adopted the expansion and diversification of activities and Library use policy, such as the creation of a multimedia room with capacity for 64 people, video conferencing capabilities, offering the academic community space for meetings, lectures, classes, courses and other events. It also features a gourmet space, providing users a pleasant atmosphere for meetings and lectures.

The DBDCQ is open to the public during class periods from Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The exchange students have full access to this library and also to the other libraries on the Campus.
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2.5 “PRÓ-ALUNO” ROOMS

“Pró-Aluno” is a student computer room, with access to internet and black-and-white printer. FCF building has its own “Pró-Aluno” and all exchange students receive a username and password at the beginning of the semester to have access to it.

2.6 CINUSP/ USP THEATRE / MUSEUMS

Universidade de São Paulo offers various cultural options for its students and also for the community. It maintains several museums and most of them have free entrance.

The University City (Cidade Universitária) – Butantã Campus houses the Museum of Contemporary Art (MAC – Museu de Arte Contemporânea), Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology (MAE – Museu de Arqueologia e Etnologia) and others. Inside the campus you will also find Cinusp “Paulo Emílio” with free movie sessions from Mondays to Fridays, often followed by debates and seminars with professors and deans.

Around the city of São Paulo, there are other cultural options provided by USP, such as Paulista Museum (MP – Museu Paulista), the Museum of Zoology (MZ – Museu de Zoologia), the Science Station (Estação Ciência) and “Maria Antônia” University Center (Centro Universitário Maria Antônia), where is located USP Theatre, all of them providing students with a rich diversity of leisure and cultural options.

For more information about these and other leisure options, please visit the Pro-Rectory of Culture and Extension website: <http://prceu.usp.br/>.
2.7 "ENTIDADES" - STUDENT'S CLUBS

- CAFB - CENTRO ACADÊMICO DE FARMÁCIA E BIOQUÍMICA: Founded in 1962, the Academic Center for Pharmacy and Biochemistry of USP (CAFB) is a student organization of FCF / USP, which search to promote scientific, social, cultural and student integration activities. Among these activities, we highlight the traditional May 5 Campaign, "University Week of Pharmacy and Biochemistry" and the Scientific Journey of Pharmacy and Biochemistry Academicians (JCAFB), which is presented below.

- JCAFB - JORNADA CIENTÍFICA: The Scientific Journey of Pharmacy and Biochemistry Scholars (JCAFB) is a university extension project that provides voluntary services of pharmaceutical assistance to the community of a needy city. The project aims to improve the living conditions of the community, seeking solutions to local problems and creating "knowledge multipliers". In addition, the project provides students with scientific, humanitarian and social learning, due to the direct contact with a different cultural and socio-economic reality. The Scientific Journey also carries out educational activities aimed at promoting health.

- CPCL - CURSINHO POPULAR CLARICE LISPECTOR: Founded in December 2016 by students from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of São Paulo and members of the Academic Center of Pharmacy and Biochemistry (CAFB) of USP, Clarice Lispector's Popular Course is completely free for students and has as main objective to expand access to education to people who find themselves in less favored socio-economic situations. All administrative staff, as well as teachers, act as volunteers, receiving no financial compensation of any kind in exchange for the services rendered in the name of the course. The course also promotes activities that stimulate the construction of a critical sense by the students, in addition to classes and workshops of doubts that approach the themes collected in the Brazilian Vestibular.
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- **FARMA JR**: "Farma Júnior" is the junior company of the course of Pharmacy-Biochemistry, related to the Commission of Culture and University Extension of Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Founded in 1993, Farma Júnior's mission is to "carry out pharmaceutical projects in São Paulo, developing the entrepreneurial potential of our clients and members, with excellence in USP.". Our goals are to offer consulting services in the pharmaceutical area to entrepreneurs and companies. We seek to foster, through practical learning, a complete training for undergraduate students, expanding their capabilities and social responsibility in generating impact in society. We are a non-profit, student-run, non-religious and non-religious movement.

- **FMTQ - FARMATUQUE**: Farmatuque is an University Battery of Pharmacy-Biochemistry of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of São Paulo. Created in 2003 by a voluntary initiative of some students, the battery, which initially carried the colors bordô and yellow inside the presentations, currently participates in musical tournaments aimed especially for university students, in integration activities of the University.

- **FAS - FARMÁCIA ACADÊMICA SOCIAL**: The "Social Academic Pharmacy", known as FAS, is a student organization of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of São Paulo focused on the realization of social campaigns, whose objective is to benefit the population and provide experiences to the students in the chosen career. Its mission is to disseminate information on health in the University, schools and in needy cities, based on the principle of solidarity and pharmaceutical care.

- **AAAFB - ASSOCIAÇÃO ATLÉTICA ACADÊMICA DE FARMÁCIA E BIOQUÍMICA**: FCF's Athletic Union is called AAAFB and it is managed by the students. The Union organizes entertainments such as sport competitions, parties, and a large number of sport disciplines covering a wide variety of interests, such as soccer, volleyball, basketball, handball, swimming, chess, table tennis, etc. All international students are eligible and more than welcomed to join the AAAFB by becoming a member of any of its constituent sport disciplines.
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- CDH - CAMPAHNA DE DIABETES E HIPERTENSÃO: The "Diabetes and Hypertension Campaign" is an extension project in which FCF / USP students perform blood glucose and cholesterol tests, measure blood pressure, measure the circumference and inform the population according to the results of the tests generated. The target audience of the project encompasses all those who attend the University of São Paulo (USP), whether at work or study, as well as outsiders who take notice of the campaign through the media, with an average of 1000 people being served.

- FARMARCOÍRIS - COLETIVO LGBT+: Is group of people united in favor of the issues of gender and sexuality. Their goal is to make university space enjoyable for all students. For this, they hold informative events (chats, round tables, lectures), integrations (cultural rolls, warm up for the Farma parties) and monthly meetings to discuss how to improve the environment of our faculty.

- GREFARMA - GRÊMIO DE FUNCIONÁRIOS: The Guild of Servers of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of USP, simply called GREFARMA, is a non-profit organization, founded on December 9, 2004. The main purpose is the development of amateur, recreational, social and cultural sports activities, as well as stimulating the development of the spirit of fraternity and solidarity of the collective.

- BANDEIRA CIENTÍFICA: The "Scientific Flag" is a health extension project of the University of São Paulo composed of several areas of knowledge, whose students act in an interdisciplinary way in order to provide care and prevention and promotion activities in health care. It is based on the tripod education, assistance and research. The Scientific Flag Project was conceived in the early 1950s by academics from the Faculty of Medicine of the University of São Paulo (FMUSP), and was consolidated from 1957. The pharmacy entered the project in 2015.
Brazilian academic year is from February to December and is divided in two semesters, being the first semester from February to June and the second from August to December. In January and July we have the vacation period at University of São Paulo.

3.2 ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

- **Undergraduate students**

Undergraduate Exchange Students will have two weeks, after the official beginning of the classes, to choose the courses they wish to enroll (going to the classes and talking to the professors). After that, the official enrollment is made at FCF International Office. It is important to emphasize that each course has a limited number of vacancies for international students, so it is not possible to guarantee the enrollment for the courses chosen on the original study plan. For this reason, there is no problem if the student needs to change courses.

http://fcf.usp.br/graduacao/  
https://uspdigital.usp.br/jupiterweb/

- **Graduate students**

Prior to their application, graduate exchange students must choose an advisor at FCF – a professor who will help them to develop their research during the semester. Even if the student will only attend graduate classes – and won't research - , he/she must have an advisor.

Graduate Exchange Students must also have a RNE number to register at FCF. Without this number it will not be possible to enroll the student or to order the USP cards (to find the procedures to get the RNE, please, see the item 1.2 on page 5). In addition, students need to have the RNE number before the beginning of the classes. It is very important to emphasize that graduate exchange students can’t attend undergraduate courses (and vice-versa). They also must arrive in Brazil before the beginning of the classes, once it is not possible to register the student at classes which have already started.

http://fcf.usp.br/pos-graduacao/  
https://uspdigital.usp.br/janus/
3. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

3.3 FREQUENCY AND GRADATES

- **Undergraduate students**

Undergraduate grading system at USP ranges from 0.0 (zero) to 10.0 (ten), where zero is the lowest grade and ten is the highest one. To pass a course, the student must fulfill two conditions: minimum score of 5.0 (five) and minimum attendance of 70%. The score represents an average of all work developed by the student. If the final student score is below 2.99, he/she has failed the course. If the final student score is between 3.0 and 4.99, he/she will have a chance for re-evaluation: he/she still has a chance to pass. This is called REAVALIAÇÃO (Revaluation). Each Professor has his/her own criteria for exams and work to be developed by the student. That information is detailed by professors in the first class of the course.

- **Graduate students**

Graduate grading system is based on four grades: A, B, C and R, where A, B and C are passing grades, and R is a failing grade. Minimum attendance required is of 75%.

- **USP Credit System and ECTS**

USP academic credit system is based on Class Credit, and Work Credit. One class-credit is equal to 15 hours of class work, or class contact hours, and one work credit is equal to 30 hours of work outside the class. We suggest one USP Credit is equivalent to 2.5 ECTS, but it is your home institution that will determine the final equivalence.

3.4 USP CARD

After their arrival, exchange students will receive the USP ID Card. This card contains the student’s number that will identify him/her in the campus and will give him/her access to the libraries, university restaurants and sports centre. It can also serve as proof of student condition, being accepted at theatres, concerts, cinema, where exchange students can pay half tickets for entry.
3.5 ASPECTS OF BRAZILIAN CULTURE

This is a course offered and prepared exclusively to Exchange students. It is given once a week, with a total workload of 60 hours and 3 (three) credits. The course comprises weekly seminars, each one being of different theme related to Brazilian language and cultural aspects.

3.6 FCF INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The Office of International Affairs at School of Pharmaceutical Sciences is responsible, within FCF, for the coordination of activities related to international cooperation. The Commission also orientates the students who are interested in academic activities abroad regarding the recommendation of foreign partner universities, conditions of inscription and selection for internships abroad, besides offering institutional support for foreign exchange students in this school.

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E-mail: crintfcf@usp.br

Operation hours: Monday to Friday, 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. and 1:30 - 6:00 p.m.
• apps USP:
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Map – University of São Paulo
Butantã Campus

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