



EXCHANGE PROGRAM INFORMATION



About our School

The Law School of Ribeirão Preto of University of São Paulo (FDRP/USP) was established in 2007, welcoming its first class in 2008. We are one of the youngest Schools of the University of São Paulo, and its second Law School, the first outside the Capital, São Paulo. In its short history, FDRP is becoming a reference for legal studies in and across Brazil and Latin America, providing our students with a legal education that gives them the tools and skills they need to tackle the juridical problems that arise in increasingly complex societies.



The School is composed of tenure-track professors, all of them PhD holders, of whom about 70% are full-time. Our small-sized classes allows for greater proximity between professors and students, increasing the opportunities for intellectual interchange in a vibrant academic community.

The Library has a collection of significant books and periodicals and is being developed with a view to accumulate the best and most representative production

both from Brazilian and foreign legal scholars. The major electronic databases, such as Lexis-Nexis, JSTOR and Heinonline, are freely accessible in the School computer network and, through interlibrary loan, professors and students have quick and easy access to the catalogue of all libraries of the University of São Paulo.

Our first Graduate Programme (Master's) started in August, 2014. The Graduate Programme offers studies in the following area: Development in the Democratic State of Law. It contains two lines of research: Development, Democracy and Institutions; Juridical Rationality and Fundamental Rights in the formation of the Democratic State of Law.



Our Law School provides modern facilities, including wireless internet, fully-equipped classrooms, library, an amphitheatre, and an auditorium.

University of São Paulo is ranked among the best 200 Universities of the world in most rankings and number 1 in Latin America. FDRP was ranked number 1 at the last Brazilian Bar Exam.



About our City

Ribeirao Preto is a city in the countryside of the State of Sao Paulo with approximately 660,000 inhabitants, known as the “Brazilian California” for its very warm weather, wealth, quality of life and technological vocation. It provides a blend of the typical Brazilian university lifestyle, such as living at our traditional fraternities (Repúblicas), offering wide range student events, but also having facilities found in bigger cities, such as great shopping malls, restaurants and the Dr. Leite Lopes Airport (RAO), a national hub that connects the city with other main important airports in Brazil.



The best way to arrive in Ribeirao Preto is by airplane or bus; flights can be booked directly from the Guarulhos International Airport and buses depart from Tietê Bus Station, both in São Paulo, where almost all the international flights arrive.

Incoming Exchange Procedures

Students regularly enrolled in foreign institutions (partners of FDRP or USP) are allowed to come and study undergraduate subjects for a period of one semester. FDRP's International Office does not accept applications by the foreign students themselves. It is strictly necessary that the person responsible for the international relations of the foreign institution makes the contact.



Requirements

- Study in a Law bachelor program or related area;
- A basic knowledge of Portuguese is recommended (not mandatory)

Nomination

Home universities shall do the nomination online of undergraduate exchange students through the USP MUNDUS system.

If it's your first time nominating a student to USP use this link for the first access:

[Click here.](#)

If you have already nominated students in the past, use [this link](#) to login, go to "International Students" and "Add New Student". Fill out the form with your student's data and the address to which the acceptance letter should be sent.

You can follow the status of the application of your students by logging in and clicking on "International Students" on the left menu.

Application

The students will receive an email with a link explaining how to proceed with the registration for their exchange at USP, through the USP MUNDUS system. Students must complete the data, choose the courses and upload the required documents and then send the application.

Required documents

- Students must upload the following documents:
- Scanned Student's photo(JPG)
- Passport's main page
- Current Transcript of Records from Home University
- 2 letters of recommendation signed by professors or academic advisors
- Study Plan

List of courses

The Undergraduate courses students are allowed to take are listed here: [Click here.](#)



Please have in mind that the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th period courses (odd ones) only take place on the Spring Semester, while the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th period courses (even ones) only take place on the Fall Semester.

Orientation Week

The reception of the exchange students takes place at the beginning of each semester, a few days before classes start. It is a mandatory event, organized by the International Office that gathers all the important and practical information about studying at USP. The schedule and further details are always sent in advance. The event also aims to show the students around, taking everyone to a city and campus tour and integrate the students with some fun activities, always in partnership with iTeam USP-RP.

Language

Portuguese is Brazil's official language and all public educational institutions must, by the force of our Constitution, teach classes in that language.

Portuguese Course for Foreigners

Aiming to provide a better support to our exchange student, the International Office offers a Portuguese as Foreign Language course, as an extracurricular activity.

The course develops skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing, promoting fluency in the language. Classes take place twice a week at the school. Costs and schedules depend on the students demand and availability of the teachers, which will all be arranged upon arrival.

Visa

The exchange student must get a special type of visa to be able to enter Brazil as a student. It's called TEMPORARY VISA ITEM IV and it is specifically for students. Please, pay carefully attention to all the documentation needed and never ask for a TOURIST VISA or a WORK VISA. Without a Student Visa it will not be possible to register the student in USP system and all our facilities will not be available. So, please be very careful regarding all the procedure. In case of any doubts regarding Visa BEFORE you come to Brazil, feel free to contact us.



Health Insurance

Students are required to purchase a health insurance in their home country before arriving in Brazil.

Cost of Living

- **Meals** – inexpensive restaurant - from R\$10.00;
- **Meals on campus** - R\$2,00 per meal (at the University restaurant) / From R\$15.00 to R\$30.00 per meal (at private restaurants and cafeterias on campus);
- **Books/study material** - At the university libraries for free or online provided by the professors;
- **Transportation** – one-way ticket (Local Public Transport) R\$3.80 and with the Student Discount R\$1.60;
- **Housing** – From R\$300.00 to R\$900.00 per month depending on the type of housing;
- **Cinema** – With the Student Discount R\$10.00.

We estimate an approximately expense of R\$1000.00 per month (including housing and meals).

iTeam USP-RP

iTeam USP-RP is the student organization and International Office partner in charge of helping the school to provide to the exchange students a great experience in Brazil, offering support, information and integration to our incoming and outgoing students. They organize events, trips, courses and parties in a way that foreigners can easily integrate with Brazilians and its culture. They are also responsible for the Buddy and Housing program explained below.



Buddy and Housing Program

Buddies

iTeam USP-RP matches the exchange student profile with a similar profile of a Brazilian student, in order to build a link with these two people and that the incoming student receive a good support before coming to Brazil and during his/her stay.

Housing



USP doesn't offer student accommodation in campus, but aiming to give our international students a very local experience we have a program with our Brazilian students in which they offer a place at their house/apartment to welcome an exchange student. Our Brazilian students usually share a house or an apartment with friends. These are called "Repúblicas" and are similar to fraternities, where the exchange student shares the costs with the other mates. iTeam USP-RP is responsible to provide a list with all the available accommodations and its details, so the exchange student can search for its preferences and contact the ones he/she most identifies with. They can ask their buddies for more information about where to stay and how the accommodation works.

Pick up Service upon Arrival

The school does not provide any pick up service at the arrival, but normally the buddy or house mate will offer to pick up the student at the bus station or the airport in Ribeirão Preto, so let them know in advance the arrival time and place so they can make themselves available. Otherwise, the student can use the taxi service at these locations.

Contacts

International Office

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Law School of Ribeirão Preto

- <http://www.direitorp.usp.br/internacional/> - Information in Portuguese
- <http://www.direitorp.usp.br/en/> - Information in English
- <https://www.facebook.com/Faculdade-de-Direito-de-Ribeir%C3%A3o-Preto-USP-130060403735610/> - Information in Portuguese

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