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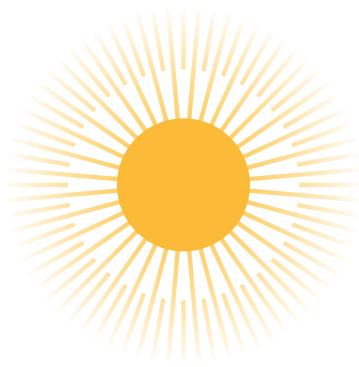
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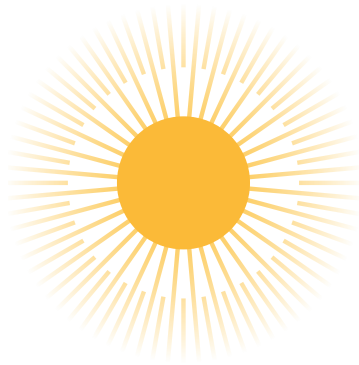
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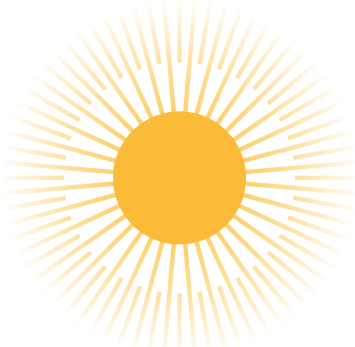
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### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) and our Summer School on Brazilian Studies.

We have prepared this guide in order to help you throughout the course. Over two weeks of July, you will join academic activities and will be a part of this institution. We feel very honored by the decision you have made to study at UFMG and henceforth we put ourselves at your disposal to grant the technical and administrative support necessary.

Here you will find tips for students participating in the UFMG Summer School. It covers everything from before you arrive to after you leave, including how to get to know the university and access important course information. If you have any questions, you can refer to this guide or contact the program team.



### UFMG ANTI-DISCRIMINATION AND ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

UFMG stands firmly against all forms of hate, discrimination, and harassment. In Brazil, discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, or disability is a crime, and such behavior will not be tolerated.

If you experience or witness any act of hate, discrimination, or harassment, please report it immediately to a member of our staff or contact Hotline **100** (support in Portuguese, English and Spanish). All reports will be investigated, and appropriate action will be taken, which may include verbal warnings, expulsion, or other measures deemed necessary.

### EMERGENCIES

For police emergencies, call **190** (assistance available in Portuguese, English, and Spanish).

To contact the Fire Department, call **193**.



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## UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE MINAS GERAIS - UFMG

UFMG hosts international students on 97 undergraduate courses and 93 graduate programs and has much to offer for your academic, professional and citizen formation.

Our institution is acknowledged as displaying a high degree of excellence in teaching, research and extra-mural activities.

Most of these activities are developed in our four campuses: Pampulha Campus, Health Campus, Montes Claros Regional Campus, and UFMG Cultural Campus in the city of Tiradentes.



The Health Campus is located in the hospital region of Belo Horizonte, by the city center, where there are the Faculty of Medicine and the School of Nursing, and also the Hospital das Clínicas (Clinical Hospital), one of Brazil's most

important hospitals. Also located downtown, near the hospital region, there are the Architecture School and the Faculty of Law.

Most UFMG Academic Units (Schools, Faculties and Institutes) are located at Pampulha Campus, in Belo Horizonte. It comprises a wide green area of almost 9 million square meters, situated near the Mineirão Stadium, the Pampulha Lake and the Pampulha Architectonic Complex. The Pampulha Campus map can be found at the **link**. Finally, at Montes Claros Regional Campus, in the northern part of the state of Minas Gerais, there is the Agrarian Sciences Institute.

**<https://www.ufmg.br/viverufmg/conheca-a-ufmg/campi/>**

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## THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Office of International Affairs (Diretoria de Relações Internacionais - DRI) of UFMG is an articulator for international academic and scientific relations, responsible for implementing and monitoring projects and inter-university agreements.

Its mission is to connect UFMG with universities abroad and to promote the university's global presence. By means of our Office, UFMG integrates an important consortium of academic and scientific cooperation with countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, North America, Oceania and Europe, with the aim of developing mutual cooperation in the areas of new technologies, teaching, research and extra-mural activities.

Areas of expertise:

- Building quality partnerships with foreign institutions;
- Implementing and monitoring agreements and international inter-university programs;
- Managing academic exchange incoming, as well as outgoing, programs;
- Promoting international academic opportunities with internal and external communities;
- Conducting missions in foreign institutions of higher education and research;
- Hosting international missions.



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## SUMMER SCHOOL ON BRAZILIAN STUDIES

UFMG Summer School on Brazilian Studies (SSBS) aims at giving students from all over the world an overall understanding of key aspects of Brazil from distinct perspectives.

The instructors are UFMG professors and classes will take place at UFMG's main campus - Pampulha Campus - in Belo Horizonte.

Over the course of two weeks of intense learning and sharing, from the 13th to the 24th of July of 2026, classes will cover the underpinnings of Brazilian politics, history, foreign affairs, society, race, geography, law, economy, culture and architecture. In the afternoons, there will be classes of Portuguese language.

Access our webpage here and our social media: **instagram** and **X**.

Important announcements and directions will be posted on our **website** under the tab "Participant Area". Once you access the Participant Area with your login credentials, you may find the announcements under the "Feed" tab.



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## LECTURES AND SESSIONS

Lectures on Brazilian Studies and Portuguese classes will take place at FACE - Faculdade de Ciências Econômicas, specific room numbers will be provided in due time. Communication during the program will also be through our WhatsApp group, email and social medias whenever necessary. Staff will also be available at the UFMG Office of International Affairs - Diretoria de Relações Internacionais (DRI/UFMG) - located at the President's Building.

Lectures on selected topics will go from 9:30am to 11:30am, and Portuguese classes from 1:00pm to 3:30pm BRT (UTC-3). There will be five extra activities: a special session, a visit to Instituto Inhotim, which is a contemporary art museum and botanical garden, a field trip to Ouro Preto - a historical city close to Belo Horizonte, a Movie Club - when we will have a discussion about a Brazilian film, and a Luau - a typical Brazilian get together.

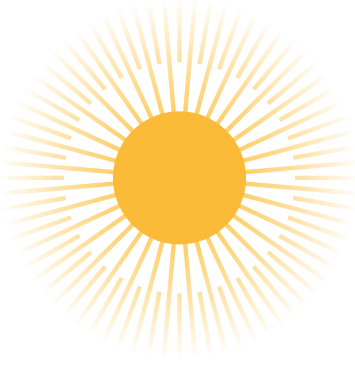
Some of the sessions will be made available on our **YouTube channel**.

## ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

Students will be evaluated throughout the program in different formats. More information will be given in due course.

You will be required to fill out a feedback form at the end of the course, which will also be part of your assessment, and it will be a requirement for obtaining the certificate and credits.

At UFMG and in Brazil in general, the credit system works by counting 1 credit per 15 hours of academic activities. The SSBS program corresponds to 60 academic hours, therefore 4 credits. It is up to your University's discretion to convert the 60 hours according to their credit system.



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## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

UFMG Summer School on Brazilian Studies (SSBS) will hold four cultural activities, namely the Movie Club, the visit to the Instituto Inhotim, the field trip to Ouro Preto and the Luau.

For the movie club, we will watch a Brazilian movie and have a mediated discussion afterwards.

We will also visit Instituto Inhotim, which is a contemporary art museum and botanical garden, located in Brumadinho (MG), about 60 km from Belo Horizonte. During the visit, students will have the privilege of getting to know the lush landscapes and will have a unique experience that mixes art and nature.

At the weekend, we will head to Ouro Preto where we will be able to enjoy this cozy historical town.

Finally, there will be the Luau, which is a typical Brazilian party in which people take turns singing, interpreting, dancing, reciting poetry, etc. The highlight for the SSBS Cultural Luau is that the students participating in the course will be the stars, provided they are willing to. Prepare your presentations and have fun with your colleagues!

During the luau, as part of the integration activities between students and their assigned buddies, we will organize a small Secret Santa-style exchange during the meeting. Participation is **entirely optional**, but students who would like to join are welcome to bring a small gift valued between USD 1 and USD 2 from your home country. The idea is simply to create a light and friendly moment for everyone to interact, exchange small tokens, and get to know each other better.



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## MEDICAL CARE, HEALTH INSURANCE AND SUS

UFMG requires international students to have health insurance so that they are fully covered in case of emergency. The health insurance must cover accidents, diseases and repatriation within the Brazilian territory. We recommend, therefore, that the student makes sure of coverage of the insurance in Belo Horizonte - Minas Gerais - Brazil. It is the student's responsibility to contract a health insurance of their choice that best meets their needs.

In Belo Horizonte there is also public medical care through the SUS (Sistema Único de Saúde). Some public hospitals and medical units may attend foreigners during their mobility with no charge of fees or taxes. Here are some of the public health units you can refer to in case of emergency:

### **PUBLIC HOSPITALS:**

**Pronto-Socorro João XXIII** – Av. Professor Alfredo Balena, 400 - Centro. Telephones: +55 31 32399200 and +55 31 32399250.

### **PRIVATE HOSPITAL:**

There is also an option near UFMG of a private hospital where you can find care in various medical specialties. Note that the medical care in this hospital generates charges and fees which may or may not be covered by your insurance:

**Hospital Belo Horizonte** - Pampulha Region, near UFMG. R. Itapetinga, 269 - Cachoeirinha. Telephone: +55 31 34497000.

### **PUBLIC EMERGENCY CARE UNITS (UPA):**

**South-central region** - Rua Domingos Vieira, 488, Santa Efigênia. Telephone: +55 31 32385900.

**Pampulha region** - Av. Santa Terezinha, 515, Santa Terezinha. Telephone: +55 31 32778441, +55 31 32778435, +55 31 32773447.

**If you need an ambulance call 192.**



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## DOCUMENTS AND MONEY

### PASSPORT AND VISA

Check if your passport is valid throughout the period you are staying in Brazil. Be sure to verify if you need any specific visa, as some countries may require previous appointments with the nearest Brazilian consulate to issue you a visa and will inform you of any needed documents. Access the nearest consulate web page or go to any consulates in your country of origin to have specific information on that matter.

### MONEY

It is recommended that you bring part of your money in cash - Reais, US Dollars or Euros. It is also important to note that foreign currencies other than US Dollars and Euros are hard to exchange in Belo Horizonte.

The money can be exchanged at the airports, some specific ATMs according to your card flag (via cash withdrawal), money exchange places in the city and at Banco do Brasil, which operates from 10:00am to 4:00pm and has many agencies in Belo Horizonte. We highly recommend that you exchange money **exclusively** at official venues as the ones mentioned above.



## TIPS ON WHAT TO BRING TO BRAZIL

You may bring your own laptops and mobile devices, including chargers and plug adapters, having in mind that most plugs in Belo Horizonte are 127V and they may have either of these shapes:



Type N

Type C

You need to bring any prescribed or specific medicine and their medical prescriptions. Items for daily use might not be of the same brand as in your country of origin, so we advise you to bring your preferred painkillers, thermometers, medicine for cramps and nausea, throat pellets, antacids, nasal decongestants, anti-inflammatories, eye drops, etc. Sunscreens, insect repellents and lip balms are also recommended, so if you are used to a specific brand, you should bring your own.

Bring eyeglasses or contact lenses and their respective prescriptions in case of having to make new ones.

Make sure your mobile phone is available to be used outside your country of origin, and more specifically if it can be used in Brazil.

Remember to bring the itinerary of your flight and your tickets and boarding passes printed, so as to prevent any possible problems during immigration procedures or at the airport.

Close to your accommodation, Moradia Universitária (University Dorm) there are supermarkets, pharmacies, postal services, bakeries and many other services you can use if needed.



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## ACCOMMODATION

### UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Students will be hosted at the University Dorm (Moradia Universitária), which will be available from the 11th of July 2026. Check-in is available 24 hours. Check-out must be by the 25th of July.

The rooms have up to four single beds arranged in a common environment, with a kitchen bench separating the bedroom from the kitchen, which displays a table and chairs, stove, refrigerator and cabinets (there is no guarantee that utensils such as plates, cutlery, glasses, etc. will be available in all rooms). Each room is also equipped with a bathroom and a wardrobe.

The directions are as follows:

Moradia Universitária Ouro Preto I  
Av. Fleming, 394, Bairro Ouro Preto  
Zip: 31310-490

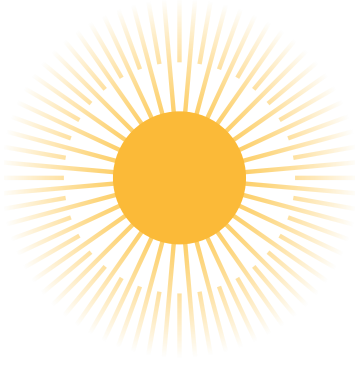
Moradia Universitária Ouro Preto II  
Av. Fleming, 1000, Bairro Ouro Preto  
Zip: 31310-490

You will soon be informed which one of the Moradias you are staying at.

### MOBILE PHONE

There are four big phone companies from which you can buy mobile phone SIM card. The different services vary and prices depend on the services provided. It is important to emphasize that in order to buy a SIM card it is necessary to have a CPF (Cadastro de Pessoa Física) number, which is a Brazilian document similar to a Social Security card. **You must take your CPF before you leave your country.** Click on the following link to get information on how to obtain your CPF:

<https://www.gov.br/pt-br/servicos/inscrever-no-cpf-no-exterior>



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### TRANSPORTATION

In Belo Horizonte there are many options of transportation such as bus lines, taxi, metro, transportation apps (Uber, 99). Bus fare in Belo Horizonte is R\$6,25, the metro line ticket is R\$5,80. The price for taxi and transportation apps may vary as it depends on the distance and time of the ride.

### ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

Access to wi-fi connectivity will be given to all Summer School students both at FACE and at the Housing. Passwords will be provided upon your arrival.

You may also use Eduroam (Education Roaming) wi-fi connection all across UFMG campuses. It is a service developed for the education and research international community that allows the members of the participant institutions around the world to have internet connection inside campuses. Check if your institution is part of the community at: [www.eduroam.org/](http://www.eduroam.org/)

### DIRECTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT TO MORADIA

The university does not provide a pick-up from the airport to the accommodation. When arriving at Confins International Airport you will have different options to get to the Dorms which are located approximately 28 km (17 miles) away from the airport.

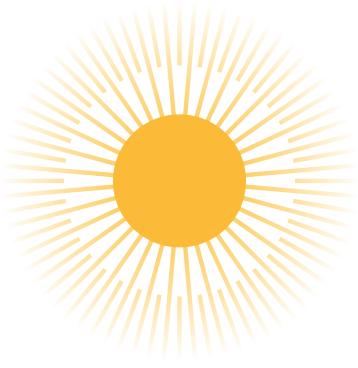
You may take a taxi at the taxi stands in front of the airport. There are different options for taxi companies and the prices may vary from R\$ 100,00 to R\$ 120,00. It is important to emphasize that the price of the taxi ride is not fixed, it depends mainly on the distance and duration of the ride. Taxis should always be equipped with taximeters.

Private transportation is also available, which can be accessed by an app such as Uber, Indrive and 99 Taxis, but it is recommended to use these services only if you are used to them, as they charge different fares and a previous registration is required.

There are also three bus lines also available at the airport, named **Conexão Aeroporto**, but we recommend that you take specifically the 5250 line (R\$22,75) and disembark at Pampulha Airport (you should ask the driver to tell you when to drop off) and from there take a taxi or private transport to the accommodation. You can check the timetable here:

<https://conexaoaeroporto.com.br/linha-5250-convencional/>

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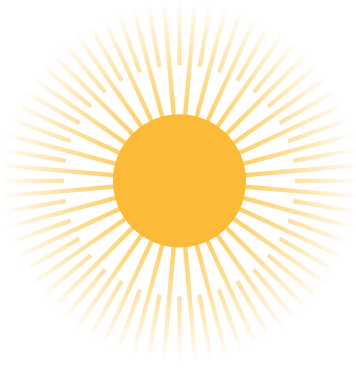
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### MEALS

The following meals will be provided to all participants of the Summer School on Brazilian Studies 2026 from Monday to Friday:

- Breakfast will be served at the University (FACE) at 9:00am.
- Lunch will be served at one of the university restaurants.
- A coffee break will be served after the Portuguese class at FACE (3:30pm).

During the field trip and museum visit breakfast, lunch and coffee break will NOT be provided by UFMG. In Ouro Preto and Inhotim there will be restaurants with an average price of R\$ 40,00. On weekends UFMG will NOT provide meals.



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## ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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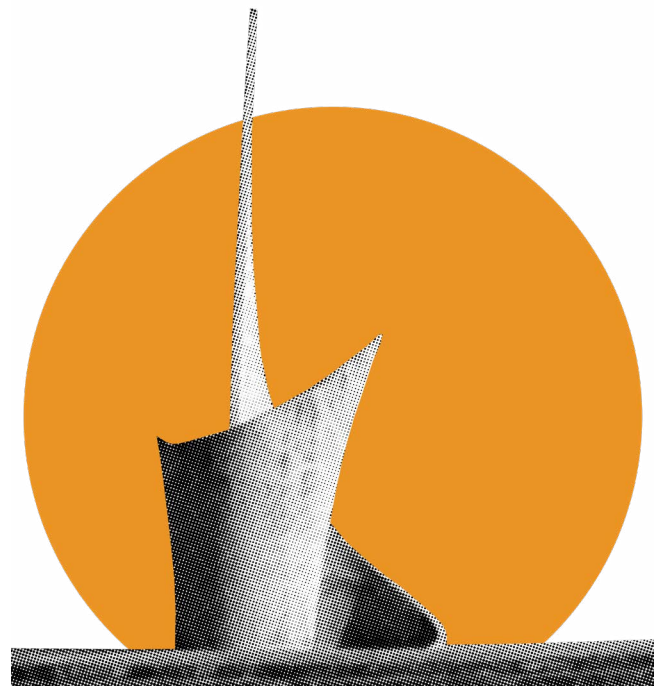
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