

INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER ON BASIC EDUCATION

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at University of Minho – Institute of Education!



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our brand new International Semester on Basic Education and Education at University of Minho – Institute of Education!

Come share with us our 40 years' experience in education, in one of the national leading universities, distinguished for the excellence of our research and teaching.

This educational offer will be developed in 2015/2016 and aims to provide classes taught in English in the different subjects that comprise the curricular plan, to fulfil the needs that have arisen from the increasing internationalization and from the new challenges posed to higher education institutions by Erasmus+ Programme.



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UNIVERSITY OF MINHO (Uminho)

The University's mission is the creation, dissemination and application of knowledge, under the spirit of freedom of thought and plural critical judgments, through the promotion of higher education and the construction of a society paradigm based on humanistic principles, knowledge acquisition, creativity and innovation as cornerstones for growth, sustainable development, well-being and solidarity.

Uminho has been involved in the Erasmus, Erasmus Mundus, Leonardo da Vinci programs and, from 2014, in the Erasmus+ and Iacobus (mobility northern Portugal-Galicia).

The internationalization of education has also been driven by the development of programs in partnership, namely double degree agreements and joint supervision involving foreign universities.

Throughout these years, Uminho has gradually been emerging, as a full university in the areas of education, research and interaction with different communities. Uminho is an institution that has become participative, sustainable, inclusive and efficient. This idea of university that seeks to accomplish the statutory mission of contributing to the construction of a model of society based on humanistic principles, which include knowledge, creativity and innovation as factors of growth, sustainable development, well-being and solidarity, leads an institution open to the world.

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (IE)

The Institute of Education (IE) is a school of the University of Minho (UMinho), with 40 years' experience in teaching and research in the field of Education. According to its Statutes, IE's mission is to develop projects in education, research and interaction with society in the broad area of Education, thus contributing to the development and well-being of individuals, groups, educational organizations and society alike.

The teaching activity of IE is comprised by undergraduate, masters and doctoral degrees specific to IE or shared with other Schools of UMinho. IE also covers advanced scientific internships, doctorates in partnership with foreign universities and post-doctorates. In conjunction with the teaching activities, research developed in IE is focused on the educational processes, agents and contexts, on teaching, learning, training and socio-educational development. The activities concerned with the interaction with society, involving in-service training courses and applied research in a way that enables the knowledge and skills of its teachers and researchers become available to the community.

The various projects of IE extend beyond the national context, and internationally the cooperation with nearby countries in terms of culture and language, as is the case of the Portuguese Speaking Countries, is worth being highlighted. To achieve its Mission, IE establishes partnerships with national and international institutions aimed at mutual enrichment and at attaining common objectives.

IE has a wide range of protocols with European Universities which have promoted a significant mobility of students and teachers over the past few years.

INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER PROGRAMMES

Institute of Education (IE) organizes the International Semester on Basic Education and International Semester on Education, with the goal of providing classes taught in English, to fulfil the needs that have arisen from the increasing internationalization and from the new challenges posed to higher education institutions by Erasmus+ Programme:

- The International Semester on Basic Education (Early childhood education and Elementary education) – for students seeking training in subjects linked to teacher training.
- The International Semester on Education (Sciences of education) – for students seeking training to act within and outside the educational system, namely in terms of Education, Training, Training Management, Socio-communitarian Intervention and Educational Mediation.



INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER ON BASIC EDUCATION

(for students seeking bachelor courses in early childhood education and elementary education)

Based on the 3-year degree in Elementary Education, the International Semester on Basic Education (Early Childhood and Elementary Education), gives international students an opportunity to develop skills to intervene in various educational settings, by providing the adequate knowledge and skills that would enable them to: observe and evaluate different educational contexts within the area of early childhood and elementary education where they might develop their professional activity; build a global view on children and their lives and learning contexts, developing skills for action in fields related to early childhood and elementary education; develop learning skills, critical and inventive thinking, intellectual curiosity and openness to diversity and inclusion.

Curricular Plan

First semester – September – February	Second semester – February – July
Biology and Health	Sport and Health
Literacy and Reading Mediation (optional)	Music Education
Mathematic Elements	Organization and Curriculum for Basic Education
Psychology of Child development and learning	Interdisciplinary projects
Drama Education	Sociology of Childhood and Education
Visual Arts Education	Educational settings and professional practices
ICT in Professional Practice	
Interdisciplinary projects of research and intervention I	



INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER ON EDUCATION

(for students seeking courses in bachelor courses in education)

Based on the 3-year degree in Education, the International Semester on Education (Sciences of Education) gives international students an opportunity to develop skills to intervene in various settings, by providing the adequate knowledge and skills that would enable them to: observe and analyse socio-educational contexts of organizations with educational and training competencies and of activities where there are educational, training and lifelong learning dimensions; perform support functions in identifying educational problems, in training educators and agents of local development in youth work, in the community intervention and in mediation.

Curricular Plan

First semester – September – February	Second semester – February – July
Health Education	Education and Literacies
Trends in Contemporary Pedagogy	Introduction to Educational Psychology
Pedagogy of Adult Education	Critical Pedagogies
Theory and curriculum development I	Epistemology of Education
Multimedia Educational Materials	Theory and practice of training assessment
Educational organizations and educational administration I	Technology and Educational Communication II
Educational Policies (optional)	Educational organizations and educational administration II



ALLOCATION TO THE STUDY CREDITS

By following an International Semester on Basic Education or an Internacional Semester on Education, students can obtain study credits for the successfully achieved course units, according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

ECTS is based on the principle that 30 credits measure the workload of a full time semester (September to February or February to July).

Credits can be obtained after successful achievement of the work required and appropriate assessment of the learning outcomes of the different subjects.



THE CITY OF BRAGA - PORTUGAL



Braga has one of the youngest populations in Europe (it was proclaimed to be the European city with the youngest residents in 1989), which makes the city dynamic and energetic. In the past 30 years the District of Braga has increased in population by 25 per cent. The district shows parameters of development and quality of living above the national average, which are surpassed only by those of the metropolitan areas of Porto and Lisbon. From statistics and simple calculations one can easily infer that, together with its strategic geographical situation and its rate of development, the aforementioned parameters make this district one of the most attractive regions in terms of investment.

Braga has a lot to offer, both in terms of culture and entertainment: its night life, cinemas, theatre exhibitions, museums and art galleries are exceptional. It is a city vibrant with culture and tradition, where history and religion go hand in hand with technology, industry and university life.

Braga is one of the oldest Portuguese cities and one of the oldest Christian cities in the world. It was founded in the Roman times as Bracara Augusta and boasts more than 2,000 years of history as a city. Situated in the North of Portugal, in the Cávado Valley (Vale do Cávado), Braga has a population of about 174,000 inhabitants. It is the centre of the Great Metropolitan Area of Minho (GAM - Grande Área Metropolitana do Minho) with a population of around 800,000 inhabitants.

Braga was Portugal's first city; when Portugal was founded there was only one city on the whole of its territory and that was Braga. The remains of ancient settlements in Braga are thousands of years old and are proven to date back to the Bronze Age.

The history of Braga can be divided into three parts: Prehistory, Bracara Augusta and Braga.



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