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### APPLICATION

<b>Application Procedures</b>	<a href="http://en.pucpr.br/pucpr-international/exchange-students/">http://en.pucpr.br/pucpr-international/exchange-students/</a>
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>For February entry</b> - (1st academic semester: February – July) July 1st through October 30th. <b>For July entry</b> (2nd academic semester: July – December) February 1st through April 30th.
<b>Total number of exchange places available</b>	If the number of students is not previously stated in our institutional agreement please consult us.

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

<b>Academic Level(s) offered to Exchange Students</b>	Undergraduate ✓	Graduate ✓
<b>Areas of study</b>	PUCPR is a comprehensive research university. For a list of available undergraduate programs access: <a href="http://www.pucpr.br/graduacao/">http://www.pucpr.br/graduacao/</a> For a list of available graduate programs access: <a href="http://www.pucpr.br/pesquisacientifica/mestradodoutorado.php">http://www.pucpr.br/pesquisacientifica/mestradodoutorado.php</a>	
<b>Academic Calendar (it varies every year)</b>	<b>Semester 1</b> From mid-February to June 30	<b>Semester 2</b> From the last week of July to first week of December
	<b>2018 Academic Calendar:</b> <a href="https://www.pucpr.br/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/calendarioacademico-2017.pdf">https://www.pucpr.br/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/calendarioacademico-2017.pdf</a>	
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	Portuguese and English For information of available courses in English, access: <a href="http://en.pucpr.br/pucpr-international/english-semester/">http://en.pucpr.br/pucpr-international/english-semester/</a>	

<b>Language Requirements</b>	PUCPR does not have a language proficiency requirement. But we suggest that the student have a knowledge in Portuguese or English according to their academic goals.
<b>Course Load and Required student workload per semester (credits)</b>	<p>PUCPR has its own credit system and it is important to note that this system only takes into consideration the in-class hours, differently from the ECT system that will also counts the subject workload and the students' individual hours of study. Therefore:</p> <p>Theoretical classes – 20 contact hours = 1 PUC credit  Practical classes – 40 contact hours = 1 PUC credit  Our theoretical subjects can vary from 40 contact hrs (2 hrs per week) to 80 contact hrs (4 hrs per week) and our practical classes can vary from 40 to 144 hrs per semester.</p> <p>Consequently, a full-time student attending around 360 – 420 hours per semester would get roughly 20 PUC credits, which is equivalent to around 30 ECTS. International students also need to take Portuguese as a Second Language, which is worth 5 ECTS, so altogether a semester at PUCPR is equivalent to around 35 ECTS.</p> <p>15 hours at PUCPR is equivalent 1 ECTS</p>
<b>Subject Selection</b>	<p>Students pre-select the subjects in the application form (study plan).</p> <p>During the orientation week, all students will meet the academic course coordinator to finalize the study plan. They should be prepared to select new subjects if their initial requests are not available. They may also make subject changes during the first two weeks of class.</p>
<b>Grading System</b>	<p>Range: 0,0 – 10,0  Passing Grade: 7,0  Minimum passing grade after final exam: 5,0  Mandatory class attendance: 75%</p>
<b>In case of failing, students can take the final exam</b>	Final exams are only applicable to students with 75% of attendance in class and have a final grade higher than 4,0 (in a scale of 0,0 to 10). Students whose final grades are less than 4,0 won't be able to take the final exam and will have failed the course regardless of the attendance.
<b>When will the transcript be released?</b>	The transcript of records will be issued in the end of the academic semester, as soon as our office receives the grades from the Registrar's office.

### **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS INFORMATION**

<b>Orientation Dates</b>	The orientation happens 1 week before the beginning of the academic semester. Students are notified beforehand of the exact dates and location. The orientation session offers the opportunity to learn about the university processes, meet with the course coordinator and learn about all the support services offered. Therefore, attendance is MANDATORY.
<b>Student Visa - VITEM IV (MANDATORY)</b>	<p>All international students who don't have a Brazilian passport need to get a student visa (VITEM IV) to study at PUCPR.</p> <p>Students should check in the Brazilian Consulate/Embassy website from the country of origin the list of documents required for the visa application. One of the required documents is the Acceptance Letter, which will be provided by PUCPR after receiving and processing the application form. For the visa to be granted, all students must have a valid passport.</p> <p>Note that if the students are studying outside their home countries, the procedures might be different than at the home country.</p> <p>Once the students receive the student visa, they must send us a copy by email. PUCPR will only pre-enroll the students upon the presentation of a copy of their student visa.</p>
<b>Health Insurance Requirements (MANDATORY)</b>	<p>All international students must purchase a health insurance with a coverage for the duration of the staying in Brazil. It, must be purchased before leaving their home countries.</p> <p>The health insurance costs varies, in some countries, the visa is only issued after the proof of health insurance coverage is presented.</p>
<b>Medical Assistance</b>	PUCPR does not have medical services on campus but we can easily refer the students to doctors, clinics and hospitals.
<b>Accommodation</b>	There is no on-campus housing available at PUCPR. We provide a list of off-campus options/suggestions and give the appropriate guidance regarding local leasing procedures and policies. The list is available to the students as soon as they are admitted at PUCPR to start their travel arrangements.
<b>Estimated cost for accommodation monthly</b>	Accommodation: BRL 800,00 – 1.500,00 (monthly)
<b>How can students apply for</b>	Directly with the real estate companies, homestay providers, boarding houses or leasing

<b>accommodation</b>	offices.
<b>Cost of Living (per month)</b>	Approximately BRL 2,800 (approx. USD 770,00) Food: BRL 800,00 – 1,000 Transportation (public bus lines): BRL 200,00 – 280,00 *1 USD = 3.1549 (Aug 2017)
<b>Other expenses</b>	ADMINISTRATIVE FEE: BRL175,00 (approx. US\$ 55) to be paid upon arrival at PUCPR.
<b>Airport pick-up service</b>	We do not have an airport pick-up service available but we make efforts to put new international students in contact with PUCPR student to make ride arrangements.
<b>Pre-arrival materials</b>	The Acceptance Letter will be sent by email to the student and the international office and the original letter will be mailed to the international office of the home institution. After the acceptance the student will receive an email with all necessary information related to the exchange program at PUCPR (student visa, accommodation, academic issues).

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF SERVICES OFFERED BY PUCPR

<b>Portuguese Classes (Mandatory – free of charges)</b>	It is offered during the semester in 4 (four) different levels: beginner, basic, intermediate and advance (total of 80 hours – 5 ECTS credits) – concurrently with academic courses. Students are placed in the most appropriate level after a placement test taken during the Orientation Session.
<b>Intensive Portuguese Program (Optional)</b>	It is offered twice a year, during the winter and summer terms with duration of 3 weeks with Intensive Portuguese Training and cultural activities.
<b>Sports Center</b>	International students have free access to one of the available sports activities: fitness center or swimming pool.
<b>Community Project</b>	Exchange students can be involved in one of the community projects offered by PUCPR, those activities can be developed in retirement homes; hospitals; local need community. The activity hours will be informed in the transcript of records after the conclusion.
<b>PIBIC International</b>	Students have the opportunity to be involved in academic research with our professors and be granted with a scholarship. Special calls are open every semester in different areas and the students interested in applying to PIBIC need to register for the program and pass through the selection process. Research is a great opportunity to have a contact with studies' theory
<b>Clubes Universitários</b>	The objective of the <i>Clubes Universitários</i> project is to stimulate the creation of groups of students at PUCPR. These groups, suggested and administered by the students themselves have a varied of themes such as arts, culture, games, music, etc. Additional information : <a href="http://observatoriodasjuventudes.pucpr.br/2017/03/09/clubes-universitarios/">http://observatoriodasjuventudes.pucpr.br/2017/03/09/clubes-universitarios/</a>
<b>Buddy Program</b>	The Buddy Program is composed by a group of local students, willing to assist international students to settle into their new lives in Brazil. The group is very active and organizes parties, trips and outings with the students. They also provide support and information regarding academic and systems of PUCPR. The match happens after the student is admitted and through a system: <a href="http://agiledeploy.pucpr.br/buddyprogram/">http://agiledeploy.pucpr.br/buddyprogram/</a>
<b>Internships</b>	Students can receive support from our International Office in case they decide to undertake any internship.
<b>Extracurricular activities</b>	We promote welcome and farewell receptions and cultural activities. One of the activities is the <b>International Lounge</b> - an event that provides to our local community the opportunity to meet our exchange students and learn more about their universities, as well as their countries.
<b>Video of PUCPR</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkjcS7HUllo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkjcS7HUllo</a>