

# University of Algarve

## Info Sheet

<b>Webpage for Exchange Students</b>	<a href="#">Student IN   University of Algarve (ualg.pt)</a>	
<b>Term Dates</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	Within the week before the semester commences
	<b>Fall Semester (Semester 1)</b>	September to January
	<b>Winter/Spring (Semester 2)</b>	February to June
<b>Quick-Facts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The University of Algarve (UALg), founded in 1979, is a Portuguese public higher education institution located in the southernmost region of mainland Portugal, the Algarve.</li> <li>• The university student population is close to 9,000 and operates over 40 graduate and 68 postgraduate programs.</li> <li>• UALg receives international students from more than 70 countries totaling over 18% of its student population.</li> <li>• University of Algarve is also placed amongst top 250 universities worldwide in THE Young University rankings of 2020. Times Higher Education also places the university amongst top 300 in the world in the 2020 Impact Rankings.</li> <li>• Located in the southern part of Portugal, Algarve is one of the most touristic regions of Portugal with the university being next to Faro airport.</li> </ul>	
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	Classes are taught in Portuguese, but the modules for exchange students provide English tutorial sessions.	
<b>Courses</b>	<p>Exchange students are expected to learn the equivalent of 60 BU credits for their exchange semester which translates to 30 ECTS.</p> <p><b>Guidelines for the selection of courses:</b>  <a href="#">Student IN   University of Algarve (ualg.pt)</a>  <a href="#">UC English Tutorial 2022-2023.pdf (ualg.pt)</a></p> <p><b>University Calendar:</b>  <a href="#">Student IN   University of Algarve (ualg.pt)</a></p> <p><b>Course selection forms must be approved and signed by the home university, partner university, <a href="#">Study Abroad Academic Coordinator</a> (or equivalent) and the student.</b></p>	
<b>Housing</b>	<p>University of Algarve provides accommodation through their halls of residence; however, university rooms are limited and there is no guarantee of availability. Students are also provided with private accommodation options.</p> <p>You can read about both on and off campus accommodation here:  <a href="#">Student IN   University of Algarve (ualg.pt)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please remember to do your own research and read the small prints and reviews before booking any accommodation.</b></li> <li>• <b>Also ensure that you are only booking accommodation in Bournemouth for the semester that you will be studying at BU.</b></li> </ul>	

<p><b>Health Insurance</b></p>	<p>Exchange students are obliged to arrange for sufficient health insurance coverage during their study period.</p> <p>You can apply for an <a href="#">EHIC/GHIC card</a> which enables you to obtain medical assistance for free when abroad. If you are an EU passport holder you will be able to use your EHIC card when travelling to an EU country. If you are a UK passport holder and/or do not have an EU passport, please read the information about how to apply for a <a href="#">UK GHIC card</a>. As a BU student, you can apply for your EHIC/GHIC card using the <a href="#">BU Letter Request Form</a>.</p> <p>Please note that some non-European partners request that incoming students purchase additional health insurance to comply with their immigration and institutional requirements.</p> <p>You can find further information on the <a href="#">practical arrangements</a> webpage.</p>
<p><b>Travel Insurance</b></p>	<p>BU offers a comprehensive <a href="#">BU travel cover</a> to all outgoing students. After reviewing BU's travel cover, and depending on personal considerations or specific health issues, some students might decide to purchase an additional insurance policy to top-up what is available.</p> <p><b>Please note that BU Travel Cover is updated every August.</b></p>
<p><b>Visas &amp; Permits</b></p>	<p>When travelling to Portugal you must consider what document(s) you will need to enter the country and commence your studies or research at UAlg. This will depend on the country you are travelling from, your home citizenship, the length of your stay in Portugal, and the purpose of your stay in Portugal amongst other criteria.</p> <p><b>Please make sure to understand what is needed and secure this in time before you travel and that you have an up-to-date passport that expires no earlier than 6 months after you intend to return.</b></p> <p>Students admitted for a mobility period at UAlg will be contacted in advance by GRIM and informed about how they should proceed regarding the visa process. The visa process takes about 90 days (indicative period) and must be done at a Consulate General of Portugal and / or at Portuguese Embassies in the country of origin.</p> <p>Follow guidance from the partner university and Portuguese consulate: <a href="#">Student IN   University of Algarve (ualg.pt)</a>  <a href="#">Embassy of Portugal in United Kingdom (mne.gov.pt)</a>  <a href="#">Studying in Portugal – The Official Website of Portuguese Immigration (sef.pt)</a></p> <p>You should also refer to UK <a href="#">Foreign Travel Advice on Portugal</a> and can find further information on the <a href="#">GoingGlobal</a> webpage.</p> <p><b>It is your responsibility to obtain the correct visa. Immigration laws are complex and subject to frequent changes and the Study Abroad Team is not qualified to offer consultations or detailed advice regarding visa applications. So, if you do have any visa-related questions you will need to contact the appropriate Embassy directly.</b></p>

<p><b>Approximate Costs</b></p>	<p><b>Tuition fees:</b> Exchange students continue to pay their tuition and academic fees to Bournemouth University with no additional cost at the partner university.</p> <p><b>Costs to keep in mind:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return ticket</li> <li>• Accommodation</li> <li>• VISA application fees if applicable</li> <li>• Insurance if applicable</li> <li>• Daily expenses (food, laundry, etc.)</li> <li>• Textbooks and stationery</li> </ul> <p><b>Estimated living costs:</b> For information, please refer to: <a href="#">Cost of Living in the Algarve</a> <a href="#">Study in Portugal: Housing &amp; Living Costs (educations.com)</a></p>	
<p><b>Funding</b></p>	<p><b>Turing Scheme Funding</b> Student can apply for funding to help with study abroad costs. This is a grant and not a loan, so student do not have to repay it back. Please visit <a href="#">Turing Scheme   Bournemouth University</a> for more details.</p> <p><b>Student Maintenance Loan</b> If you are in receipt of a maintenance loan, you will continue to receive this as usual when you are abroad but may also be eligible for a higher amount of, depending on your circumstances.</p> <p><b>Student Finance England Travel Grant</b> You may be able to claim back some travel expenses from your period abroad. The amount of grant depends on your household income, and covers reasonable costs incurred on travel expenses during an academic year. Please visit the <a href="#">Student Finance England Travel Grant website</a>, or contact <a href="#">Student Finance</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Campus Services</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Computer labs</li> <li>• Restaurants/catering facilities</li> <li>• Shops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports facilities</li> <li>• Community services</li> <li>• Clubs and societies</li> <li>• ATMs</li> </ul>