Universidade de São Paulo

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Praça do Relógio | São Paulo Campus

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Universidade de São Paulo is one of the most prestigious higher education and research institutions in Brazil and figures among the best universities in the world. With several campuses distributed over eight cities (Bauru, Lorena, Piracicaba, Pirassununga, Ribeirão Preto, Santos, São Carlos and São Paulo) within the state of São Paulo, USP has over 96,000 undergraduate and graduate students and almost 6,000 faculty members. The schools of USP cover most of the disciplines and provide the students with a fertile study and research environment.

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ORIGINS

USP was founded in 1934 upon the unification of several pre-existing schools. The newly created Faculty of Philosophy, Languages and Literature, and Human Sciences of the State of São Paulo were integrated along with the schools of Law, Medicine, Engineering, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Education, Economics and Veterinary Medicine as well as the "Luiz de Queiroz" College of Agriculture.

In the early days, a large number of foreign professors was invited from abroad to lecture, bringing with them new standards of research from Europe. They assisted in transforming USP into an essential driving force behind the progress of the nation and, during its first twenty years of existence, several new schools were established.

Subsequently, the University has expanded both in size and quality of its output with the Institute of Biology in São Paulo and the campuses of São Carlos and Ribeirão Preto in the decade of 1950.

Finally, in the year of 1960, in the city of São Paulo, "Cidade Universitária" was inaugurated. This resulted in the unification of the majority of the schools and faculties in one campus. Nowadays, USP has 48 schools, 4 museums, 4 major hospitals and has become an internationally recognized center of reference in many fields of research.

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USP IS:

COMPREHENSIVE: The individual schools encompass all academic areas and include 312 undergraduate programs and 222 graduate programs.

PRODUCTIVE: Its scientific production corresponds to at least 22% of all that is produced in Brazil.

PIONEER: It holds a highly respectable position in the most important international rankings of teaching and research institutions.

TUITION FREE: The university does not charge its students for tuition.

TRADITIONAL: Its schools are among the oldest higher education institutions in the country. They have been responsible for generating knowledge since the early 19th century.

PRESTIGIOUS: Having an undergraduate or graduate degree from USP facilitates the access to excellent job opportunities in Brazil and abroad.

EXTENSIVE: It occupies a total area of approximately 76,437,742 m^2, of which 1,983,050 m^2 correspond to University buildings.

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Museum of Contemporary Art | São Paulo Campus
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The university faculty has had contact with foreign professors from USP's very beginning, particularly in certain fields of research. Some of the most outstanding examples include Claude Lévi-Strauss (FRA), Gérard Lebrun (FRA), David Bohm (USA), Miguel Rolando Covian (ARG), Vilém Flusser (CZ), Ernst W. Hamburger (GER), Roger Bastide (FRA), Fritz Köberle (AUS), William Hamilton (UK), Lucien Lison (BEL), Giuseppe Occhialini (ITA), Giuseppe Ungaretti (ITA), Gleb Wataghin (UKR-ITA) and André Weil (FRA).

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Luiz de Queiroz College of Agriculture | Piracicaba Campus

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Besides the main campus and some additional schools spread over the city of São Paulo, seven other campuses are located in the cities of Bauru, Lorena, Piracicaba, Pirassununga, Ribeirão Preto, Santos and São Carlos. Due to the various fields of interest, it is possible for a student to choose in which campus to study or research.

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USP Symphony Orchestra | São Paulo Campus

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The university has an active role in disseminating science, culture and quality health care for citizens across the country. Strongly integrated with the local community, USP runs several hospitals, museums and public services that directly benefit the population. These range from scientific and cultural activities to innovative health care and therapy. Furthermore, most of the services provided by USP are free of charge.

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School of Animal Science and Food Engineering

Pirassununga Campus

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USP IN NUMBERS

Source: USP Statistical Yearbook - 2017 - Database 2016

Undergraduate Programs

Programs	312
Yearly Enrollment	9,568
Applications for the Admission Exam	142,701
Enrolled Students	58,823
Number of Degrees Awarded	7,962

Graduate Programs

Programs	222
Masters Areas	365
Regular Students in Masters Programs	14,106
Titles Granted in M.Sc. Level	3,879
Doctorate Areas	334
Regular Students in Doctorate Programs	15,894
Titles Granted in Ph.D. Level	3,091

Cultural and Extension Activities

Programs	934
Participants	28,636

Scientific Production

In Brazil	9,644
Abroad	6,705
Published and Indexed Works at ISI	13,422

Museums (visitors/year)

Paulista Museum (historical)	1,032
Museum of Contemporary Art	139,987
Museum of Achaeology and Ethnology	131,186
Museum of Zoology	144,005

Internationalization

Partnerships and Protocols	1,709
International Students (Undergraduate)	1,401
Outgoing Students (Undergraduate)	2,551

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Establishes cooperation strategies between USP and its international partners.

Supports each of the individual schools' local international offices in their efforts towards greater internationalization.

Provides information about research and mobility opportunities for the wider USP community, including undergraduate and graduate students, professors and technical-administrative personnel.

Fosters academic international cooperation.

Selects, prepares and discloses information about programs and initiatives concerned with academic cooperation.

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