



USP

Universidade
de São Paulo

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Praça do Relógio - São Paulo Campus

photo by Cecilia Bastos

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 *campi* 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 90,000 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.

School of Medicine - São Paulo Campus

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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** and the **School of Physical Education** of the State of São Paulo were integrated along with the schools of **Law, Medicine, Engineering, Pharmacy and Dentistry**, 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.

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.

Subsequently, the University has expanded both in size and quality of its output. Today the University has **42 schools**, **4 museums**, **2 major hospitals** and has become an **internationally recognized center of reference** in many fields of research.

School of Economics, Business and Accounting
São Paulo Campus

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USP is:

Comprehensive. The individual schools encompass all academic areas and include 249 undergraduate programs and 239 graduate programs.

Productive. Its scientific production corresponds to at least 23% of all that is produced in Brazil.

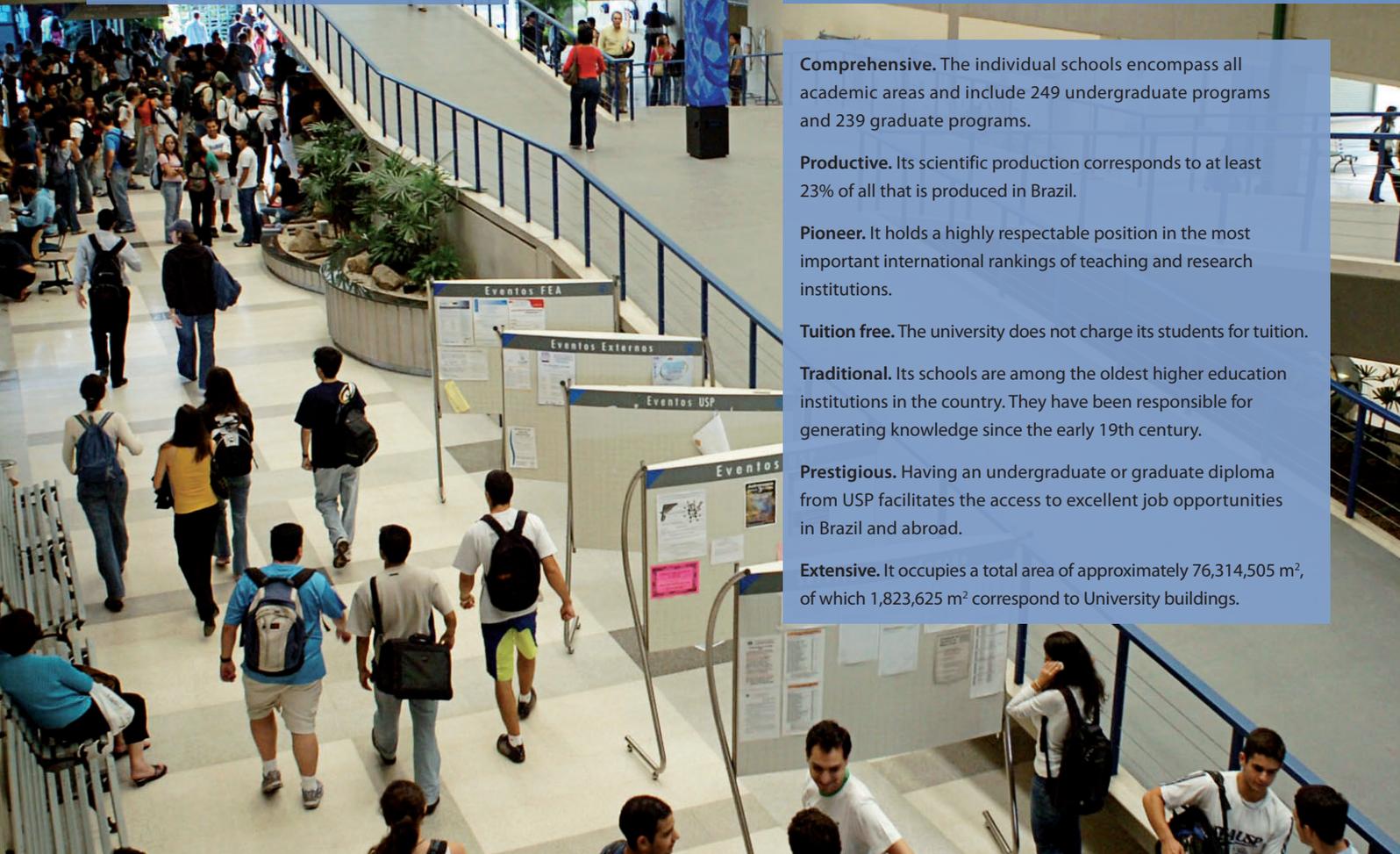
Pioneer. It holds a highly respectable position in the most important international rankings of teaching and research institutions.

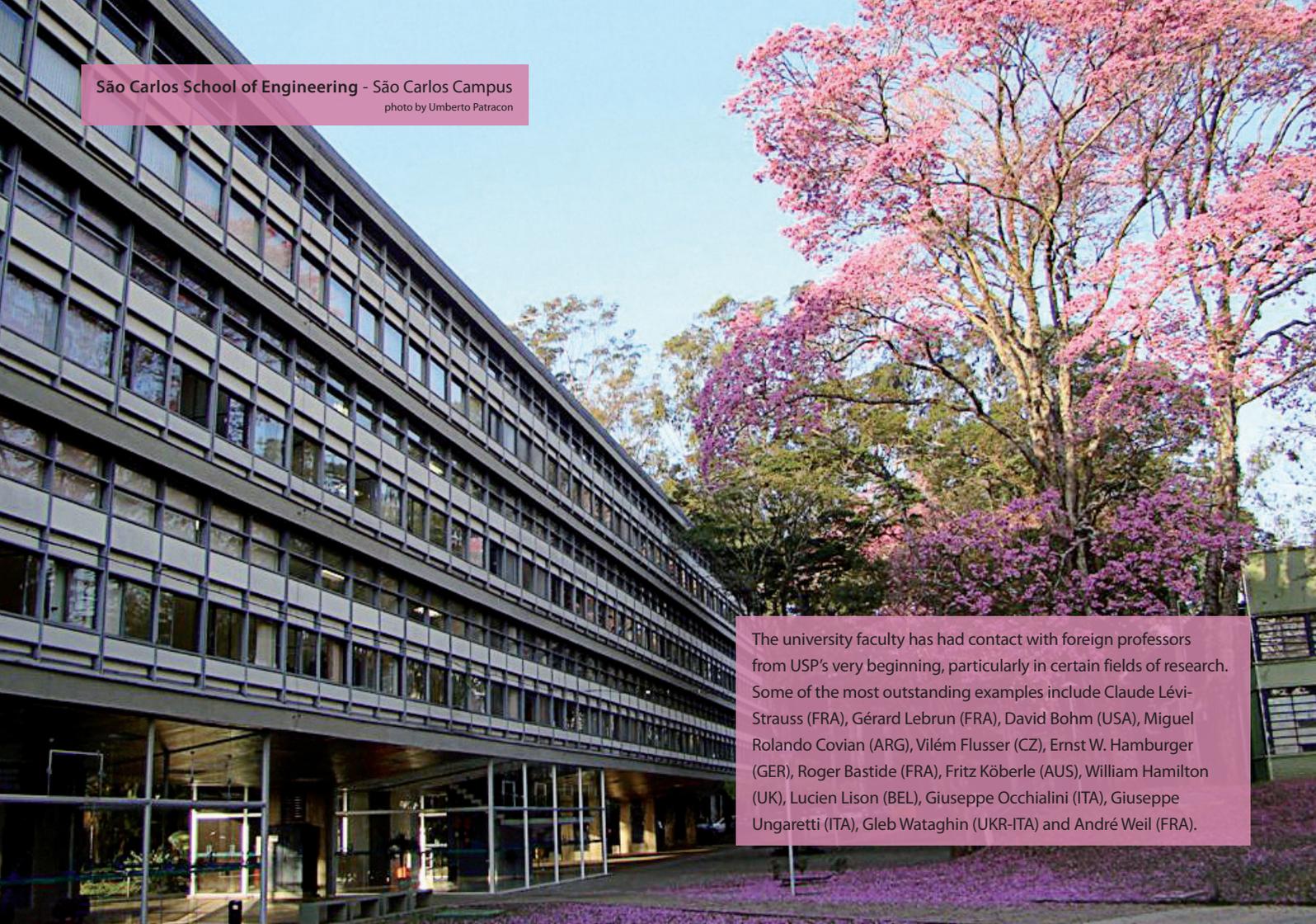
Tuition free. The university does not charge its students for tuition.

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 diploma from USP facilitates the access to excellent job opportunities in Brazil and abroad.

Extensive. It occupies a total area of approximately 76,314,505 m², of which 1,823,625 m² correspond to University buildings.





São Carlos School of Engineering - São Carlos Campus

photo by Umberto Patracon

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).



“Luiz de Queiroz” College of Agriculture - Piracicaba Campus

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USP schools: besides the main campus and some additional schools spread over the city of **São Paulo**, seven other *campi* 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.



USP Symphony Orchestra - São Paulo Campus

photo by Marcos Santos

The university has an active role in disseminating science, culture and quality health care for citizens around 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.

USP in numbers

Database: 2012

Students

Undergraduate Programs

Programs	249
Yearly enrollment	10,962
Applications for the Admission Exam	146,845
Enrolled students	58,303
Number of degrees awarded	7,665

Graduate Programs

Master's Courses	332
Regular Students in Master's programs	13,836
Number of degrees awarded in M.Sc. level	3,577
Doctorate Courses	309
Regular Students in Doctorate programs	14,662
Number of degrees awarded in Ph.D. level	2,439
Special Students*	5,263

* Non-degree seeking

Scientific Production

In Brazil	18,390
International	8,314
Indexed publications (ISI-USA)	9,893

Cultural and Outreach Activities

Continued Education

Programs	993
Enrolled students	29,687

Museums (numbers of visitors/year)

Paulista Museum (historical)	371,622
Museum of Contemporary Art	661,361
Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology	34,352
Museum of Zoology	71,038

Paulista Museum - São Paulo Campus

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International Relations

The International Office of Universidade de São Paulo (<http://www.usp.br/internationaloffice/>) develops and implements policies that seek to favour the internationalization of the institution.

Among its attributions, the International Office:

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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Paulista Museum - São Paulo Campus

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