

The Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (IPB) is a Portuguese Higher Education Public Institution with 7000 undergraduate and master students, embracing a wide area of knowledge and technology, including agriculture sciences, arts and sports, education and teachers' training, informatics and engineering, administration and management, health, communication and tourism.

IPB has an internationalization programme with widely recognized success, including the annual mobility of more than 900 incoming and outgoing students and 200 teaching staff members, as the result of the collaboration with several higher education institutions from all over the World.

Besides the academic programmes taught in the Portuguese language, the IPB also offers bachelor and master programmes fully lectured in English, as well as Portuguese language and culture courses for foreign students.

Nowadays the IPB is a multicultural institution, where 12% of its students are international students. IPB offers to all of its international students a unique opportunity to study and live in a young and innovative academic atmosphere.



Students coming to Bragança should inform International Relations Office before their arrival. IPB does not have the possibility to assure accommodation for international students, but will provide all the necessary help to find a suitable place.

The vast majority of foreign students gets accommodation still before arriving to Bragança by making contact directly to Riskivector, a company based inside IPB and specialized on support services to students, at the email riskivector@gmail.com.

The cost of life in Bragança is below the average in Portugal.. The average monthly living expenses of a student amount to 300€, of which about half is due to accommodation (plus water, electricity and gas). Most houses have no central heating so you will probably have to buy an electric radiator. Some apartments have central gas heating which is quite expensive in use, so you should better be careful if you do not want to find yourself unpleasantly surprised by a high bill at the end of the month!

For short term accommodation students can stay in the Youth Hostel:

Pousada da Juventude de Bragança

Forte S. João de Deus

5300-262 Bragança, Portugal

Reservations can be made through the number (+351) 707 203 030 or through the website www.pousadasjuventude.pt.



BRAGANCA, Portugal



Bragança is the capital of north-eastern region of Portugal, in Portuguese “Trás-os-Montes”. Although rather small (the population of the municipality is 34,774), Bragança is an attractive place which has a lot to offer. Located about 20 km from the Spanish border, Bragança has a beautiful mountainous landscape.

While visiting the town, you can't miss the medieval castle, built on the highest point of the citadel.

Other important monuments are the 12th-century Domus Municipalis (five-walled-building of Romanesque construction) and the Torre de Menagem (with Military Museum inside.)

Compared with the southern part of the country, the climate of Bragança is quite severe, so in winter you can expect low temperatures and sometimes even snows. On the other hand, during the summer the average temperature is about 28 °C and even spring can be a quite warm and dry season.

