



INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES' OFFICE STUDENT LIFE AT INSPER



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MISSION

To promote the transformation of Brazil through educating innovative leaders and applied research – acting with academic excellence and an integrated vision of knowledge that transcends traditional academic disciplines

VISION

To be a global reference in education and the generation of knowledge about Brazil



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ALL DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED AT INSPER

- Undergraduate Programs – Business Administration, Economics, Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronic Engineering, Computer Science, and Law (Classes in Portuguese and English)
- Masters' in Business Management/Diploma (Classes in Portuguese)
- LL.M. and LL.C. Programs (Classes in Portuguese)
- Masters' (RES) Programs – Business, Economics and Public Policy (Classes in Portuguese)
- Executive MBA (Classes in Portuguese and Short-term in English)
- Ph.D. in Business and Economics (Classes in English)
- Advanced Programs - Finance, Communication and Journalism, Data Science and Decision, Public Management, Control and Accounting and Social Urbanism (Classes in Portuguese)
- Executive Education (Open enrollment, customized and online programs)

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

In Brazil, the academic year starts officially in January and ends in December. The courses we offer in English follow the academic calendar below:

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

	Semester Fall 2024 (Aug – Dec 2024)	Semester Spring 2025 (Jan – Jun 2024)
Nomination Deadline	April 15 th 2024	October 15 th , 2025
Application Deadline	April 30 th 2024	October 30 th , 2025
Welcome Week	July 29 th to Aug 2 nd , 2024	Jan 27 th to 31 st , 2025
Beginning of Classes	Aug 5 th 2024	Feb 3 rd , 2025
Semester Finishes at	Dec 20 ^h 2024	Jun 27 th , 2025

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Nominated students will receive information about Insper, application, required documents, accommodation, life in São Paulo, etc., after being nominated by their school.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

Students do not need to speak Portuguese to study at Insper.
A variety of courses (25 to 35 per semester) are taught in English.

Courses are taught in English **or** Portuguese. Insper recommends exchange students to have at least a CEFR B2 level **of English**, but we do not require an English proficiency proof.

If your students plan to take courses in Portuguese, proficiency proof is compulsory. It can be a letter from the Home University attesting the student is able to take courses in Portuguese.

BRAZILIAN CULTURE & LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

Insper offers a Brazilian Culture and language Workshop during the welcome week, which is free of charge for international students. It involves interactive activities and classes, which will explore aspects of the Brazilian culture and a survival Portuguese course. Students from all levels of Portuguese are welcome to join. Students with intermediate levels are welcome to participate, but they may find it very basic.

COURSES AVAILABLE AND COURSE REGISTRATION

Program information may change every semester since the courses in English are offered in the 4th year of the undergraduate program.

The updated list of available courses for the following semester will be available at the end of October and April, but you can check the list of courses in the last semesters as an example of what is offered, [click here](#).

For checking graduate courses (in Portuguese), please access Insper' [WebSite](#).

GRADING SYSTEM – UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Grading scale 0 – 10, where 5.0 is the minimum grade required for passing a course:

Group	Scale	Description of the grading system
APPROVED	9 – 10	Excellent
	8 – 8.9	Very Good
	7 – 7.9	Good
	6 – 6.9	Satisfactory
	5 – 5.9	Sufficient
NOT APPROVED	3.1 – 4.9	Fail
	0 – 3	Fail

Converting Insper courses to ECTS:

Insper does not operate on the ECTS credit system. A full-load course contains 80 hours/lesson or 40 hours/lesson of classroom activities (exams/tutorials/office hours). That is the regular load for each course students take during their 4 or 5 years of undergraduate studies.

The majority of the courses available for exchange students are 40 hours/lesson, and few options are of 80 hours/lesson courses.

More details below:

- **40 hours/lesson courses:**
 - one class per week
 - course workload: from 125 to 150 hours
 - we recommend the equivalence of 5 ECTS
- **80 hours/lesson courses:**
 - two classes per week
 - course workload: from 250 to 300 hours
 - we recommend the equivalence of 10 ECTS

To be registered as a student at Insper exchange students **MUST take at least 25 ECTS (that means they need to take 5 courses of 40 hours/lesson – or a combination with 80 hours/lesson' courses)**, we do not recommend students to take more than 8 courses of 40 hours/lesson.



LEARNING EXPECTATIONS AND CLASS ATTENDANCE



Classes at Insper are very participative, and students are expected to contribute to class discussions and projects, seminars, lectures, and self-study.

Attendance in class at Insper is mandatory by national law and is a crucial part of the grading process. Active participation in class significantly contributes to students' grades. Students are required to attend all classes, and if they have any situation that may cause an absence, it must not exceed 25% of the total classes in the semester. Exceeding this limit will result in failing the course, regardless of their grades.

Classes size range from 20 to 70 students.

Assessments take place at different times - students can check the exact examination schedules through the school calendar system and class plan. Assessments, presentations, and Exams are mandatory (in class).

If a student misses an exam, an additional fee will be applied after it for a resit.

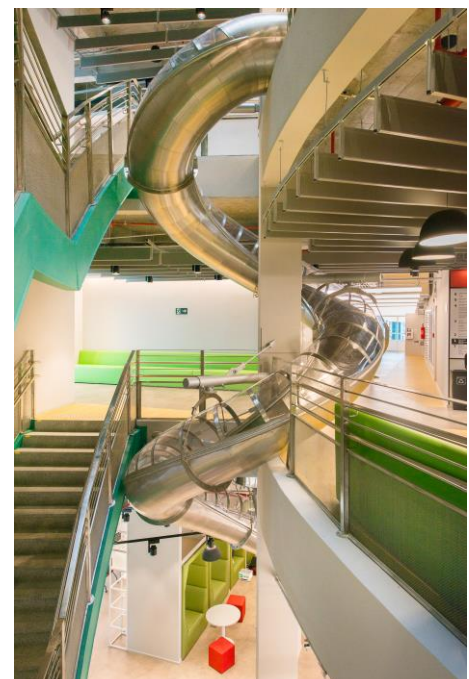
FACILITIES

Insper has a modern and innovative Campus with two buildings. All infrastructure is available to students: classrooms, auditorium, restaurant, coffee shops, parking lot, Wi-Fi access, Student's Lounge, labs, sports facilities, and much more. Check pictures of our campus by [clicking here](#).

BUDDY PROGRAM

At Insper, we offer the Insper Buddies program, where exchange students are invited to participate. Buddies facilitate interactions with local students both on and off-campus, providing opportunities to delve deeper into Brazilian culture, enjoy enriching experiences, and forge lifelong friendships.

Join us and embark on an unforgettable journey of cultural immersion and friendship!



CAREER CENTER

Exchange students are welcome to visit and count with our career center to help them understand how the Brazilian job market works and to know more about internship opportunities. Since most of the courses are offered during the morning international students are able to look for internship opportunities during the afternoon period. If your student is interested on this kind of opportunity, we recommend that they contact us in advance.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Inspere has more than 45 clubs and societies; exchange students are welcome to join them. From discussing politics, doing consultancy, organizing cultural activities, and playing sports, to building and competing with racecars, there are many great options for engaging and enjoying the best of the academic experience at Inspere.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VISA

International exchange/visiting students must obtain a student visa at the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate in their home countries after receiving their letter of acceptance from Inspere.

Please note that a tourist visa is not valid for permanence in Brazil as an international student.

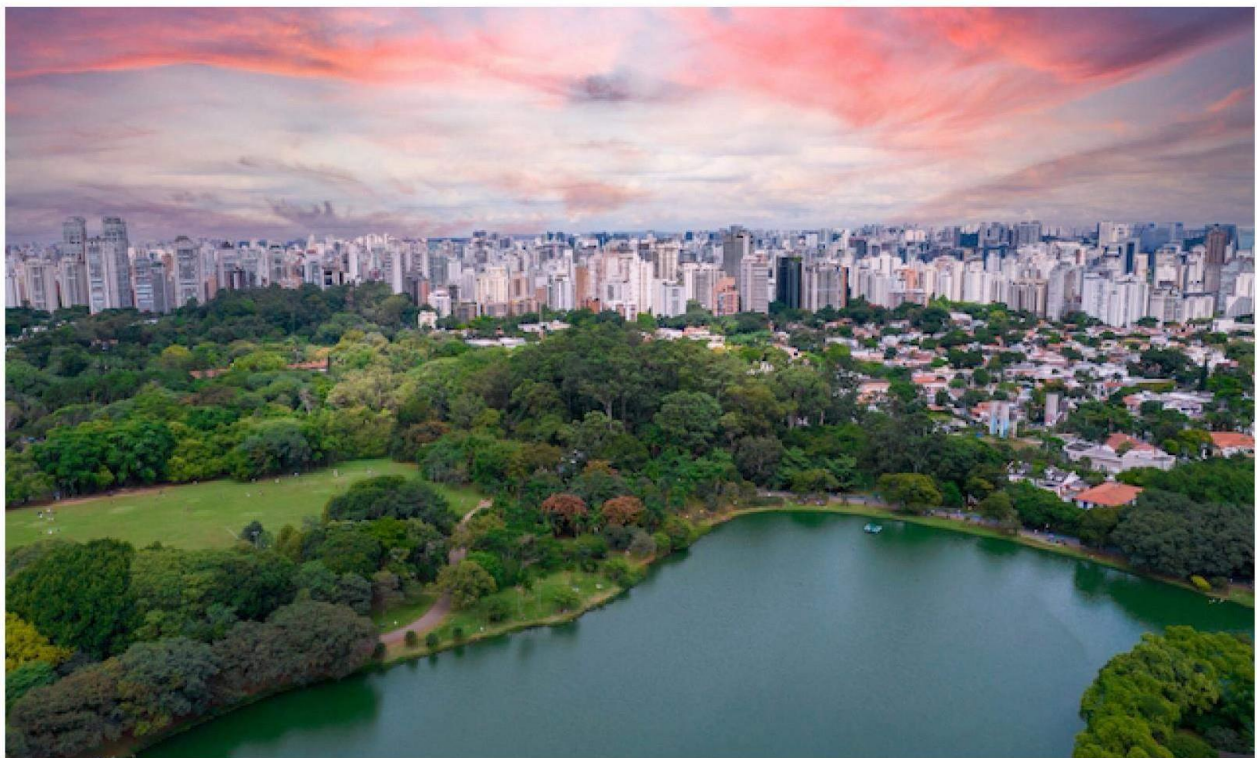
Visas must be obtained **BEFORE** admission into Brazil. A tourist visa cannot be converted into a student visa once the student has left his/her country of origin. Students without student visas will not be enrolled at Inspere.

[Click here](#) to see more information about visas to Brazil.

ACCOMMODATION

- Inspere does not offer housing to students, but you can find information about housing options below:
 - <https://4student.com.br/home-eng>
 - <https://kasa.com.br> (very close to Inspere, great services, very nice area, there are many International and local students living there already)
 - <https://uliving.com.br/en/sao-paulo/> (Jardins or Paulista)
 - <https://housi.com/>
 - <https://sharesl.com.br/en/home-en/>

Insper is located at Vila Olímpia, one of São Paulo's delightful upper-class neighborhoods, the region hosts many of the world's largest and most renowned technology corporations and has therefore been endearingly nicknamed 'Silicon Valley São Paulo.' Considered one of the greatest centers of development in the city of São Paulo, Vila Olímpia infuses modernity and innovation with charm and variety, most visited by people who are constantly in search for the best that São Paulo has to offer. Vila Olímpia is also well known for its nightlife, with bars and nightclubs injecting energy into this region of São Paulo.



ARRIVAL DATE AND WELCOME WEEK



Exchange students must arrive **BEFORE** the Welcome Week, during it we will present the school, give information about the registration procedures, many activities happen during these days with international and local students, you will also learn more about the Brazilian culture and São Paulo.

It is also very important to arrive prior to classes in order to accommodate and adapt to the city, as well as finish the registration for the courses.

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Presence at the Welcome Week is **MANDATORY!**

HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance coverage for the region **is mandatory for all students studying at Inspere, even if they are Brazilian.** This insurance policy **must not be based on reimbursement.**

Students will need to present a copy of their health insurance policy upon arrival during Orientation Week in order to fulfill this requirement.

LIVING EXPENSES AND MONEY

São Paulo is the largest city in South America, with more than 21 million habitants in its great area. The currency in Brazil is the Brazilian Real (R\$).

Opening an account in a Brazilian bank can take a long for a foreign person, and we advise students to count on other sources of money during their stay here:

- **Prepaid Travel Cards (like WISE or Revolut, highly recommended)**
- Credit Cards
- Cash (you can easily find an exchange office)

Living Expenses (<u>per month</u>)	R\$ (Brazilian Reals)	US\$*	€*
Housing – <u>double room</u> (from R\$2500 to R\$3500)	3.000	606	558
Food	1.200	242	223
Transportation (R\$ 4,40 bus, 5,00 subway, and train ticket)**	600	121	111
Personal Expenses***	800	161	148
Total	5.600	1.131	1.041

*Exchange rate for March' 2024. Prices may vary, as currency fluctuation is frequent. (we used [Oanda](#))

**Prices may vary with a purchase of public transportation cards.

***Prices may vary according to student's lifestyle.